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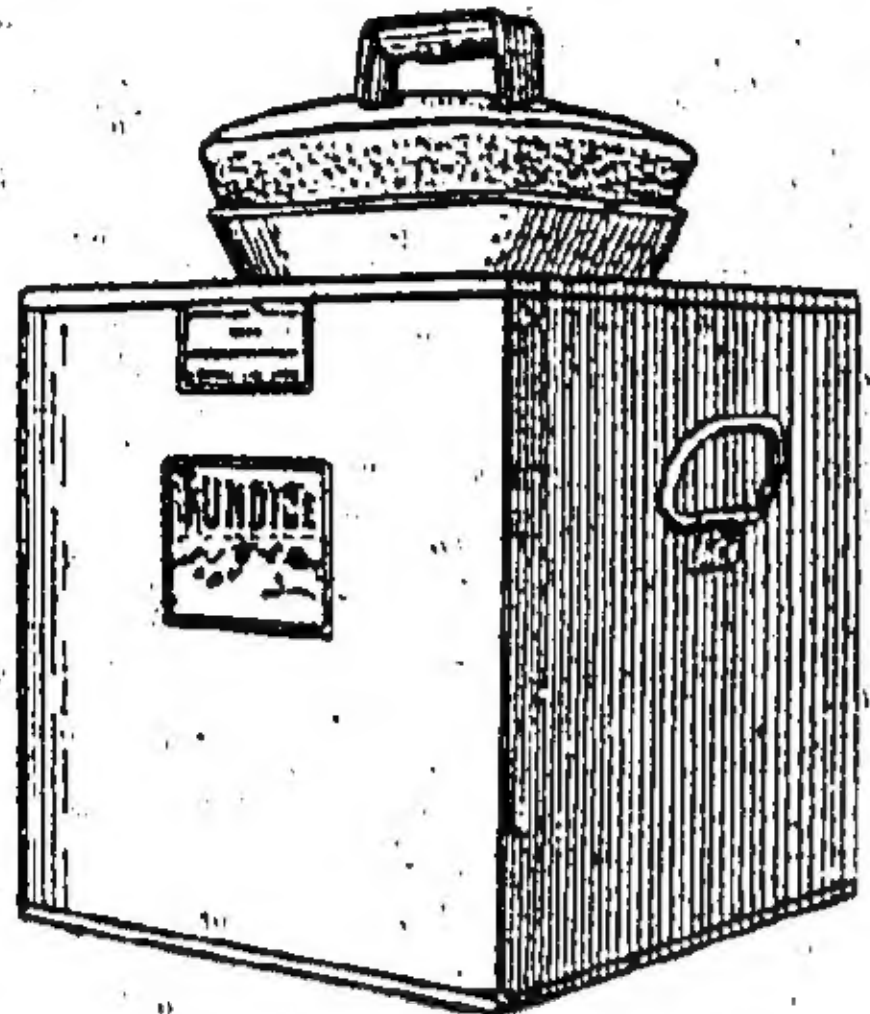
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ANGLERS' PARADISE.

FISH AS BIG AS COWS!

CAUGHT IN FRESHWATER
LAKES.

Bangkok (U.P.).—A tale of catching fresh-water fish as big as cows is related by a Chiengrai correspondent of the *Bangkok Daily Mail*. Desiring to show that its news enterprise was not founded on fiction the newspaper subsequently obtained and published photographs of the fish.

"Pla Buk" is the Siamese name of the creature which is described as much like a dolphin, scaleless, having a hide an inch thick and edible flesh. The eggs are a rare delicacy in Bangkok but imitations are often served.

Exciting Times.

Catching the fish is declared by the *Daily Mail's* writer to be almost as big an affair as the fish itself, involving practically the entire population of Chiengrai which is situated on the bank of the Mekong.

Two by two, the great creatures fight their way up-stream in spring-time, going from the fresh-water lakes in Cambodia in order to spawn. At the proper season every household mends nets, prepares barges and otherwise makes ready.

"A high solitary pole" continues the correspondent, "is set up on one of the islands in the middle of the swiftly whirling current. On top of the pole is stationed a man, the signaller, who is to watch for the coming of the game."

At the same time there is a bustle of activity and excitement. Barges loaded with nets and other necessary equipment are stationed along both banks in proper order, and their crews are watchful to obey the least signal from the watcher on the pole.

Towing the Catch.

The enormous bulk of the fish coming up against the current is easily detected by an experienced man. The action of the fish fighting against the current leaves the surface disturbed not unlike the cleavage of the water by the bow of a motor boat.

"After a tedious wait, and the wait may be long, the watchman is seen to straighten up. He stares down the current and then gives the welcome signal. The fish are coming! They usually travel in pairs."

"The next moment everything is alive. The course the fish are following is determined. Nets, sewn together, are cast across the river. Barges, holding the net lines, stand ready a little way from the nets. As the fish approach, the fishermen move toward them so as to be in a proper position to follow the movement of their quarry."

"The enormous fish, there may be one or two, strike against the nets, the barges holding the line yielding to the force of the impact. The head fisherman then twists the net around the fish, after which all the barges will be in tow of the great fish which at finding itself suddenly entangled in the meshes dashes wildly upstream. The barges follow for some kilometers until the fish shows signs of being tired. Then the fishermen start to row back and unceremoniously drag the catch ashore."

WORLD'S COTTON ACTIVITY.

CHINA REPORTED BUYING
TEXTILES FREELY.

Washington, April 18.—A world-wide acceleration in the cotton spinning trade is shown by the statement of the National Bank of Commerce released to-day.

China is shown by the report to be buying cotton textiles freely in the foreign market while maintaining normal production at home.

Interruption of communications in the interior of China apparently has created a shortage of these materials which will take considerable time to remedy, according to the statement.

Effect of Boycott.

The boycott in operation against Japanese goods has somewhat offset this handicap, says the report.

Great Britain and Japan will predominate in the foreign distribution of textiles, it states, the decline in demand for British goods in Australia and India being partially alleviated by improved trade relations with China.

The statement places the new raw cotton crop in America in a favorable position as regards world markets because the existing supplies of cotton are smaller than the 1928 consumption. The outlook for the American cotton planter is definitely improved from every angle, says the report.

"DRY" LAW ENFORCE- MENT.

"MAY TAKE YEARS.

Washington, April 18.—Attorney-General William D. Witt Mitchell speaking over the radio to-night stated that the Hoover administration is planning an unspectacular but progressive campaign to enforce the prohibition amendment. The new Attorney-General said that it would take weeks, months and even years of persistent, conservative effort to show results in law enforcement.

He said that President Hoover would not countenance infringements by federal agents of the Civil Liberties Act.

the not too distant future man will be able to exchange signals with his neighbouring planets.

"Such forecasts are, of course, always subject to the conditions prevailing on these planets. One can at any rate admit the feasibility of communication despite the lack of a common medium for it. Although we could not communicate by words, we could send sounds and combination of sounds and, we could transmit pictures."

But as yet man is not confronted with this problem. There is every reason to believe that much time will elapse before we reach that stage, and that even Professor Stoermer's claims are rather rash. Our own experiences would indicate that what Professor Stoermer asserts to have been echoes from out of the universe were probably the identical signals of the Dutch station which had circled the globe a considerable number of times. So far, there has been no definite proof that an appreciable fraction of electrical energy has ever been radiated into space."

RADIO ECHO FROM INFINITY.

NORWEGIAN PROFESSOR'S
STARTLING DECLARATION.

SHORT WAVE DISCOVERY.

A sensation has been caused by the claim of Professor Stoermer, of Oslo, that he received from out of the universe echoes of the signals from a Dutch short wave station.

Professor Stoermer, who has made a name for his researches into the phenomena of Northern Lights, asserted that he had heard these signals twice, once when they were sent, and then again after a comparatively great interval during which, in his opinion, they must have penetrated into space and were then reflected back to earth.

To throw all possible light on the matter, Germany's most prominent wireless expert, Count Arco, has been approached for his opinion on the possibility of interplanetary communication in general and on Professor Stoermer's claim in particular.

Idea No Longer Absurd.

Said Count Arco, "the idea of sending electrical waves beyond our atmosphere and thus communicating with other planets can no longer be regarded as absurd. The revision of opinion is due to the discovery and perfection of the short wave and the beam system, enabling two given points to communicate with far greater exactness and less expenditure of electric energy than was possible with the long wave."

"To explain the peculiar features of the short wave, it passes through the lower layers of the atmosphere upward till it reaches the so-called Heavyside Stratum enveloping the earth at an approximate distance of 15 kilometres. This layer is susceptible to magnetic influences and retains the short wave until it strikes downward again towards the receiving station. However, during this process a fraction of the electric energies, diffused in the Heavyside Stratum, breaks through it and escapes into the universe beyond."

"When, about two years ago Telefunken entered upon its first experiments with the transmission of pictures, these were found, at the receiving station, to show peculiar parallel lines, giving rise to the assumption that the signals had twice reached the station, with one group of signals arriving after the others."

"To test our belief that one set of signals had reached the receiver by a roundabout route, we employed an oscillograph. Measurements demonstrated conclusively that the identical signal would pass round the earth as often as five times."

Prove Short-Wave Sending.

"These phenomena plainly prove at least the feasibility of sending short waves through the ether into the universe, provided the waves are radiated at a certain angle and are given a certain direction. Our receiving apparatus, too, has been perfected to an extent where we are able to ascertain the degree of heat radiated by the most remote star."

"Finally, modern astronomy has enormously widened our knowledge of the universe, and on the whole there is a reasonable hope that in (Continued on Previous Column.)

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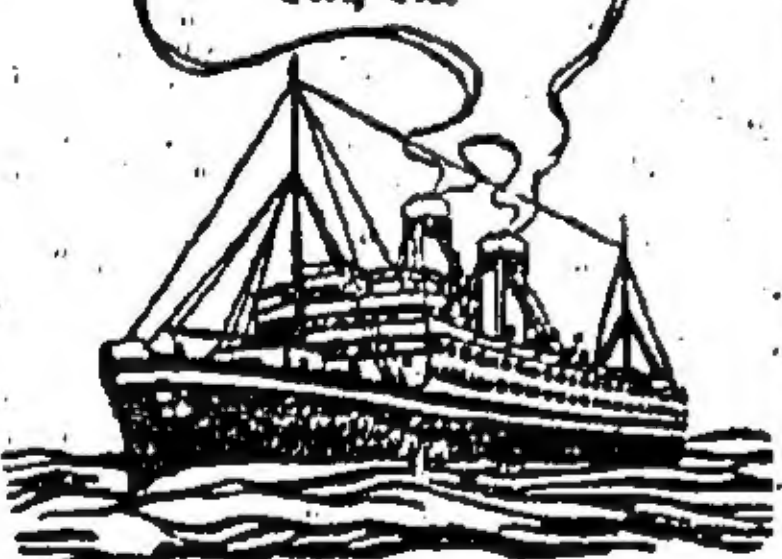
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To-day.
(April 18.)
Property Auction: Nos. 624, 64,
66, and 68, Queen's Road Central,
and Nos. 19 and 21, Stanley Street,
China Auction Rooms, 3 p.m.
H.K.W.G. and M.C.L. Bridge
Party on H.M.S. Tamar, 3.30 p.m.
British Legion: 8th annual gen-
eral meeting, J. & M. Board Room,
5.15 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "The Rescue."
World Theatre: "Sally of the
Sawdust."
Star Theatre: "London after
Midnight," 5.30 p.m.
New English Comedy Co.: "The
Fonatics," Star Theatre, 9.15 p.m.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and
Peninsula Hotel, 4.30 p.m.
Dinner Dance: Peninsula Hotel,
8.30 p.m.
European Mails:—Inward:
Europe via Siberia (Empress of
Russia). Outward: Europe via
Siberia (Glaucus), 6 p.m.
Friday.
(April 19.)
Christian Fellowship meeting,
Helena May Institute, 10.30 a.m.
H.K. General Chamber of Com-
merce, general meeting, 4.45 p.m.
Navy League: Annual meeting J.
& M. Board Room, 4.30 p.m.
Kowloon Chess Club, Prize dis-
tribution, 5.30 p.m.
Royal Artillery Sports, Sookun-
Poo.
Queen's Theatre: "The Rescue."
World Theatre: "Under the Black
Eagle."
Star Theatre: "Good Morning
Judge," 5.30 p.m.
New English Comedy Co.:
"Rookery Nook," Star Theatre,
9.15 p.m.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and
Peninsula Hotel, 4.30 p.m.
Dinner Dance: Peninsula Hotel,
8.30 p.m.
European Mails:—Inward:
Europe via Negapatam (Vogland).
Saturday.
(April 20.)
Golf: Bogey Pool, Fanling.
Royal H.K. Yacht Club, Closing
Cruise and Interport Rowing.
Royal H.K. Yacht Club Dinner,
Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 8
p.m.
Queen's College Old Boys' Asso-
ciation, 9th annual dinner, College
Hall, 8 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "The Rescue."
World Theatre: "Under the Black
Eagle."
Star Theatre: "Good Morning
Judge," at 5.30 p.m.
English Comedy Co.: "Other
Men's Wives," Star Theatre, 8.15
p.m.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and
Peninsula Hotel, 4.30 p.m.
Dinner Dances: Lane Crawford's
Restaurant, 8 p.m., Peninsula
Hotel, 8.30 p.m.
European Mails:—Inward:
Europe via Siberia (President
Wilson). Outward: Europe via
Marseilles (Karmala), 10.30 a.m.;
and (Kitano Maru), 9.30 a.m.; and
via Victoria, B.C. (Talthybius), 10
a.m.
Sunday.
(April 21.)
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FIRE IN BRITISH TANKER.

LLOYD'S MEDALS FOR BRAVERY.

In the Committee Room of Lloyd's in London last month, Mr. A. R. Mountain, the chairman, presented Lloyd's silver medal for meritorious services to Captain Albert Himsley, master; Mr. William Muckle, second engineer; and Mr. James Murdoch, fourth engineer, of the British motor-vessel British Courage. The chief officer, Mr. Arthur Halcrow, who was also awarded the medal, was unable to be present, as he is now in command of an Admiralty tanker.

In the course of his address the Chairman of Lloyd's said that they welcomed the master and officers in order that they might try to tell them of their admiration for yet another story of heroism which they had added to the glorious annals of courage and determination at sea. The leadership of Captain Himsley, and the voluntary aid of all those serving under him, proved how safe were the traditions of the sea in the hands of such gallant men typical of the Mercantile Marine. He recalled that the British Courage, a steel screw motor tank ship of 8,953 tons gross, with a crew of 38, when on a voyage from Abadan to Grangemouth with a cargo of about 8,000 tons of crude oil, left Port Said on December 3. About two days later fire broke out and it was apparent to Captain Himsley that the outbreak was very serious. He sent out an S.O.S. with his position. Shortly afterwards the chief engineer, who unfortunately had since died of his injuries, staggered out of the engine-room with his clothing ablaze and by this time the whole of the top of the engine-room was a mass of flames which were as high as the funnel.

As the water supply then failed and, owing to the great heat and smoke, it was impossible for anyone to remain on the poop deck, and there was the possibility that at any minute the fuel tanks in the engine room might explode and in turn explode the cargo of crude oil, Captain Himsley gave the order to take to the boats, but before he himself left he went into every part of the accommodation in order to ensure that all the crew had got away.

Return to the Ship.

The two boats were in charge of the Master and Chief Officer, respectively, and after proceeding about half a mile have to in a very rough sea for about two hours. The British Courage was during this time still burning as fiercely as ever. As no explosion had occurred in the engine room and as the flames could be seen creeping along the boat deck, Captain Himsley decided to return to the ship in an endeavour to put the fire out on the boat deck. He called for volunteers, and with 16 members of the crew returned to the British Courage, when by obtaining buckets of water from the sea and swamping the deck they succeeded in putting out the fire on the boat deck. Their attention was then given to the engine room, where, with the aid of water and sand, the fire was eventually overcome about 5.30 p.m. The fire was not entirely extinguished, however, as there was still some smouldering in the engine room, store room, and in the 'tween decks, but the former was eventually put out and the latter were battered down. The crew stood by all night, as the boat deck was bursting into flames now and again, and the outbreaks had to be dealt with as they occurred. It was not until 3 p.m. on December 6, some 27 hours after the original outbreak, that the fire was completely and finally extinguished. He was proud to point to the conduct of all on board the British Courage.

The Awards.

It was felt that certain cases stood out as particularly meritorious, and it was in these cases that the Committee of Lloyd's decided to award Lloyd's Silver Medal for Meritorious Services, namely:—
Captain Albert Himsley, whose action as Master before abandoning the ship and particularly in deciding to go back to the vessel was beyond all praise. The danger of explosion was so great that no blame could have been attributed to him had he refrained from returning to the ship. There is little doubt that his decision to return was a decisive factor in saving the ship and a striking example of courage and devotion to duty.

Mr. James Arthur Halcrow, Chief Officer.—The Chief Officer in responsible, under the vessel's fire regulations, for the active measures for fighting fire. Captain Himsley reported in the warmest terms on Mr. Halcrow's courage and activity before the ship was abandoned, and with what alacrity Mr. Halcrow responded to his invitation, not order, to return to the ship.

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MILLIONAIRES IN GERMANY.

GREAT DECREASE IN WEALTHY MEN.

BERLIN HEADS THE LIST.

Berlin (U.P.).—Germany has to-day only one-seventh as many millionaires as it had before the war, according to official statistics which have just been issued. Its citizens whose personal wealth totalled more than a million marks at the end of 1927 numbered only 2,335 as compared with the 15,517 men and women who in 1913 were recorded as possessing fortunes of that size or larger. In the same period, the total national wealth declined from 157,100,000,000 gold marks to 97,800,000,000 reichsmarks.

In 1913 there were 229 Germans with fortunes exceeding ten million marks; to-day there are only 33 who are as wealthy. The number of persons with real estate, and other property valued at more than 3,000,000 marks has fallen from 2,791 to 465. Of this latter group, 170 are worth more than five million marks, and of these 72 are great landowners.

Poor Doctors.

Lower Silesia has the largest number of wealthy landowners or farmers with 17; Bavaria has 8, the province of Saxony 6, Schleswig-Holstein 6, Upper Silesia 5, Westphalia 4, the Rhineland 4, Brandenburg 3, Pomerania 3, Mecklenburg-Schwerin 3, and East Prussia 2.

Of the larger cities, Berlin, with 290, has the most millionaires. Next in line comes Hamburg with 112; then follow Leipzig with 55, Frankfurt-am-Main 43, Cologne 43, Munich 42, Dresden 39, Düsseldorf 33, Stuttgart 26, Bremen (which before the war had 177) 21, Chemnitz 21, Hanover 19, Essen 13, Breslau 12, Cassel 10, Wiesbaden 10, and Königsberg 5.

In the capital there are 18 multimillionaires—persons worth more than five millions each—and of these two are farm owners, five are bankers or industrialists, ten are owners of city property, and one has his wealth invested in securities and other mobile capital. Thirty-nine Berliners have between two and a half and five millions, while the fortunes of 233 are rated somewhere between one and two millions.

The average wealth of all persons gainfully employed or who have their own business is, according to the statistics, 14,908 marks, about half of what it was in 1913. Arranged by classes, the wealth of the average actor-musician, artist is 22,591 marks, the average tailor 14,781 marks, the innkeeper 12,893 marks, the tobacco dealer 10,819 marks, the butcher 9,733 marks, the baker 9,123 marks, the gardener 7,410 marks, the shoemaker 7,007 marks, and the average dentist or physician 6,601 marks.

Mr. William Haslop Muckle, Second Engineer.—Mr. Muckle, on his own initiative requested permission to transfer to the Captain's boat and return to the ship. When they arrived on board the Second Engineer, again on his own initiative, succeeded in finding his way down to the boiler room and to the steam stop valve, so that steam was available for pumping water into the engine room. There is little doubt that without this action on his part it would have been impossible to put out the fire.

Mr. James Murdoch, Fourth Engineer.—Before the ship was abandoned Mr. Murdoch, of his own accord, ran down the ladders and made his way through the auxiliaries and switched on the jacket cooling pump, by which means sufficient water was obtained to utilize the hose.

To Save the Ship.

There was one fact, the chairman added, that he would like to emphasize—namely, that when these gallant men returned to the ship, they did not do so to save life, but to save the ship herself.

After the presentation the officers were escorted round the Underwriting Room by the Chairman and members of the Committee. The "Crier" had previously sounded the Lutine bell twice, and informed the members that Captain Himsley was making a tour of the room.

A subsequent presentation was made to the three officers at Britannic House, the headquarters of the British Tanker Company, Captain Himsley receiving a handsome service of plate and the two engineer officers each a gold watch. Lord Greenway, President of the British Tanker Company, who made the presentation, said it was, perhaps, not too much to say that gallant actions were almost a commonplace in the British Mercantile Service, but that was no reason why they should not meet with ready and hearty appreciation. The British Tanker Company and the Anglo-Persian Oil Company were particularly proud of these officers who had so splendidly exemplified the British quality.

INDIAN WARDERS KILLED.

CONDEMNED PRISONER RUNS AMOK.

OUTBREAK IN SHANGHAI GAOL.

Shanghai, April 11.—A desperate attempt to regain his liberty by shooting his way out of gaol was made yesterday by a Chinese prisoner who was under sentence of death in Ward Street Prison, Shanghai. The attempt followed immediately upon an attack made upon a European warder by a number of other prisoners.

The warder opened two cells in each of which three men were quartered. He was going to conduct the prisoners to the infirmary for medical inspection. Suddenly rushing the warder, the nine prisoners overpowered him and one of them struck him on the head with a heavy metal object.

Convict Shot.

The condemned prisoner took the warder's revolver, fired a shot at an unarmed Indian warder, killing him instantly, and tore along a corridor at the end of which another unarmed Indian attempted to stop him, disregarding the prisoner's threats. As he attempted to close with him, the convict fired another shot and the warder was fatally wounded.

By this time the European warder had recovered. Securing a revolver, he rushed along the corridor to where the condemned prisoner was attempting to rally his comrades. Dazed and only in a half-conscious condition, the warder shot the convict dead just as he raised his revolver to fire. The remaining prisoners immediately surrendered.

At the time of the disturbance, over 1,000 convicts were out of their cells either in the workshops or exercising in the yards. They were excited by the noise of the shots but were marshalled and taken back to their cells so quickly that they had no time to join in the revolt.

The inquest on the dead warders, Chunda Khan and Shahab Din, was opened by the British authorities this morning. Only evidence of identification was taken, after which the proceedings were adjourned until April 24.

NO PRIVILEGES FOR MILLIONAIRE.

SINCLAIR TREATED LIKE OTHER PRISONERS.

Washington, April 9.—Mr. Harry F. Sinclair, multi-millionaire petroleum producer, must begin serving the three months' gaol sentence imposed on him for contempt in connection with his refusal to testify before the Senate committee investigating the oil scandals in 1924, early next month. The millionaire will be treated as a common prisoner and will not be granted any special privileges. Rules of the prison forbid him to receive food or other special attention from his family or friends.

"Mr. Sinclair will not be given any comforts other than those granted ordinary prisoners," the prison warden said. The millionaire's sentence was confirmed by the Supreme Court of the United States yesterday.

OPIUM AND TONG WAR.

MANILA NEWSPAPERS INDIGNANT.

Manila (U.P.).—Fifteen gambling and opium dens are operating in Manila's Chinatown, the *Philippines Herald* says. This fact is coupled with long wars in a subsequent editorial as reason both for rigorous police action and for deportation of undesirable Chinese.

"There can be no doubt that the peaceful Chinese, the same and sound elements in the Chinese community, will approve the deportation of Chinese gamblers and roughnecks," comments the *Herald*.

In similar vein the *Tribune* remarks that "the local Chinese community general has promised to take action against members of the gangs that have converted Manila into a battleground" and finds that attitude "praiseworthy," urging that "the insular government should not be weak-kneed or vacillating."

SMUGGLING LETTERS.

ATTEMPT IN PHILIPPINES FRUSTRATED.

Manila (U.P.).—Customs authorities frustrated an effort to smuggle 418 letters into China without payment of postage, in violation of the Philippine postal law, before the steamship Tang Shung left Manila. The letters were placed in a tin cigarette case, wrapped and sealed. All were conveyed to the Bureau of Posts and handed over to the dead letter section.

MARINE COURT CAMEOS.

[By "HUMANIST."]

A delightful odour, reminiscent of Causeway Bay at low tide, pervaded the atmosphere of the Court, and caused the Clerk to sneeze violently as the sampan mistress entered the dock.

"You were dredging within the Naval anchorage," declared Commander Hole.

"No saave," replied the defendant promptly. "I loose anchor at Naval Canteen and look-see find it in water."

"The Naval Canteen is not in the middle of the harbour," observed the Harbour Master.

"I saw her trailing a line over the stern of her sampan," stated a European police sergeant.

"And I," declared a constable, "saw her lifting her grapples inboard."

"Allee same, no saave," persisted the defendant dispassionately.

"I am afraid," remarked Commander Hole, "you will have to pay \$10. You will learn better in future."

The case was ended, but the melody lingered on.

"A life on the ocean wave is better than going to sea!"

The Chinese equivalent of the words of the old Naval ditty probably ran through the mind of the next defendant, who was charged with dumping refuse into the harbour from a sampan.

"Allee same big steamer make sampan very rocky. Cargo fall in water," he declared.

"I saw him throw a number of old and broken baskets over the side," declared a constable.

"I loose my hat, too," ventured the defendant sadly.

"Humph! And you will lose \$3 by way of a fine," concluded the Harbour Master.

"The launch had no lights at all. Your Worship," said a police sergeant. "There was plenty of traffic in the harbour at the time, too."

Commander Hole dipped his pen in the inkwell and tried the nib on the blotting-pad before him.

"What have you to say?" he demanded.

"Plentee big wind blow out lights," declared the Chinese coxswain from the dock.

"It must have blown the lamps themselves into the sternsheets, Your Worship," commented the sergeant drily, "for that was where I found them."

The coxswain looked anxious.

"Plenty big wind," he pleaded.

"And it failed to blow you any good," observed Commander Hole to the defendant. "You must pay a fine of \$5 or else you will go to prison for a week."

He paid.

ROW AT COMMUNIST FUNERAL.

CLASH WITH POLICE; MANY ARRESTS.

Bucharest, April 8.—A turmoil occurred on the occasion of the funeral of a Communist in the town of Temesvar, when the friends of the dead man defied the orders of the police.

Shots were exchanged and five members of the police force injured. Later on, the police succeeded in arresting 250 Communists.

It is believed that the incident will induce the authorities to introduce a new law for the suppression of Communism.

HINDENBURG'S ILLNESS.

RUMOURS DISCOUNTED.

Berlin, April 7.—Contrary to various sensational rumours current here, a communiqué issued to-day gives reassurance concerning the health of Reichs President von Hindenburg.

It is stated that the Reichs President, who during the last few days suffered from an attack of influenza combined with stomach trouble, has already sufficiently recovered so as to attend to his work.

Acting, however, upon the advice of his physicians, he will preserve his strength for important business until his health has been completely restored.

ROTARIANS ASSIST NEEDY.

London.—Lord Byng, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police of London, has approved a scheme of co-operation between the police and 250 motor-car owners belonging to Rotary clubs in London, whereby they will lend their automobiles and drivers free to needy persons in any cases of emergency daily between midnight and 6 a.m.

The Rotarians, representative of professional and business men, are thus pledged to expand the work of the Saint Pancras Rotary Club, which has been giving assistance during the past three years to relatives of invalids who cannot afford to hire taxicabs when summoned to a distant bedside.

POLICY OF ECONOMY

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BETTER PROSPECTS IN SHANGHAI.

Mr. E. G. Shewan, speaking from the chair at the 7th ordinary yearly meeting of the Hong Kong Engineering and Construction Co., Ltd., held yesterday in the offices of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co., said that the Company had strictly carried out their policy of economies during the past year, but the balance for 1928 was still on the reverse side and represented a loss of \$28,861.55.

The Chairman was supported by Sir Robert Ho Tung and Mr. J. Scott Harston (directors) and Mr. J. Buchanan (acting secretary). Shareholders present were: Messrs. A. A. Botelho, Thos. D. Chanatong, M. Fernandez, M. A. Figueiredo, M. A. Gomes, G. Grimbale, and C. Strafford.

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

The Chairman addressed the meeting as follows:—

As copies of the Report and Accounts for the year ended December 31, 1928, have been in your hands for the prescribed period, I propose with your approval to take them as read.

We have strictly carried out our policy of economies, but we could not, of course, do it all at once, and there are still reductions to be made, the benefit of which will only be felt in this present year. But we have succeeded in making reductions which have brought down our general charges from about \$6,100 per month to \$3,600 per month, which means a saving of some \$2,500 per month or over \$27,000 per annum, and we shall make a further saving of about \$900 per month during the latter part of this year.

Balance Still on Reverse Side

In spite of all this, we regret that the balance for 1928 is still on the reverse side and represents a loss of \$28,861.55 for the year. But this loss is arrived at after allowing \$50,746.47 for depreciation and is, therefore, a substantial improvement on 1927 which showed a loss of \$32,022.65, included only \$27,078.23 for depreciation, that is ignoring depreciation, the gross profit for 1928 is \$23,184.93 against a loss of \$24,951.70 in 1927, an improvement of \$47,138.63.

Our cash position is about \$10,000 lower than at same time last year, but against this we have remitted some \$18,000 to Shanghai and expended a further \$18,000 on the three new Franki Piling sets, in addition to about \$14,000 on new garages and stores at our depot in Kowloon. The liquid position of the Company is also about \$34,000 better than last year.

Besides this, we have practically re-valued building, plant and machinery, and written off some \$33,000 to cover the lower valuation.

Franki Piles.

You may say why is so much depreciation necessary. Well, our auditors think it advisable to put those items which were in the nature of preliminary expenses such as expenses incurred in creating the Franki Piling business at Shanghai, and the loss entailed in training men for our pipe-making factory and the consequent loss in spoils and damaged pipes during the process, on a safer footing, and we have, therefore, written off \$10,000 from the former and \$2,500 from the latter item. Both of these are a sound policy. To meet the demand at Shanghai where our Franki Piling is much needed, as it is specially suited to the soft nature of the soil there, we ordered three new sets of the piling equipment, and here in Hong Kong we have had two sets going almost continuously. As for our centrifugal pipes, they are now well established on this market and are a great improvement in every way on the old glazed earthenware article.

Owing to the disturbed state of affairs in the North we have not been able to start work at Tientsin.

As to the question of reducing our capital and writing off the heavy losses incurred at the inception of this Company, this matter still remains in abeyance for the present.

The report and accounts were unanimously adopted on the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. G. Grimbale.

OTHER BUSINESS.

Other business transacted by the meeting was the re-election of Sir Robert Ho Tung, and Mr. J. Scott Harston as directors on the proposal of Mr. A. A. Botelho seconded by Mr. M. Fernandez; and the re-election of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews as auditors on a remuneration of \$600 per annum on the proposal of Mr. T. D. Chanatong seconded by Mr. M. A. Figueiredo.

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SPORT AND ATHLETICS.

BIRMINGHAM BOXING.

Sonny Duke, of London, retired in eleven rounds of his fifteen-round middle-weight contest with Jack Haynes, of Birmingham. The ten-round light-heavy-weight contest between Frank Berrick, of Bewdley, and Jack Thoms, of Mansfield, only reached the halfway line, Berrick knocking out Thoms in the fifth round. Sam Walters, of Nottingham, beat Peter Nolan, of Walsall, on points after a fast and furious fight at lightweights. The best content was the ten-round feather-weight event between Billy Benson, of Birmingham, and Drummer Hartin, of Coventry, which went the full distance and ended in a points verdict for Benson.

SURREY INTER-CLUB TITLE.

Magdalen Park beat Suburban in the final of the men's Surrey inter-club lawn tennis winter competition by four matches to love, eight sets to one, 53 games to 25. In the final of the men's junior inter-club competition Magdalen Park beat Rosendale Park by four matches to love, eight sets to none, 49 games to 24.

BOXERS HELP MINERS.

A cheque for £235 19s. 3d., the net proceeds of the Welsh Amateur Boxing Association's tournament, was received at the Cardiff Town Hall by the deputy Lord Mayor of Cardiff, on behalf of the Mansion House Miners' Relief Fund. The tournament, which was held at the Cardiff Drill Hall, was organised by the Welsh Amateur Boxing Association and the Glamorgan Police Athletic Club.

OUTBOARD RACE IN MELBOURNE.

An Australian record in outboard motor boat racing was established on the Albert Park Lake, when Ivanhoe Kid, a Melbourne boat, covered a mile in 1m. 42.15s. The race was for the Victorian Motor Boat Club's Gold Cup. Ivanhoe Kid turned the tables on the New South Wales boat Boo Saada, which in previous races showed a marked superiority over the local competitors. Viopake, another Melbourne boat, was second, and Boo Saada third. The open sweepstake, over one mile, was won by Boo Saada, with Tin Hare second, and Ivanhoe Kid third.

JOHNNY TURK AND GOLF.

New accusations against the "terrible Turks" have been levelled against the heads of the Turkish military by Constantinople's golfing enthusiasts. They charge the Turkish military authorities with a lack of a proper respect for the ancient and noble game. One of the best golf courses in the East is at Maslak, four miles from Constantinople. But because the golf course happened to lie in an area assigned to Turkey's Spring cavalry manoeuvres, the military authorities have sent peremptory orders for the abolishment of the club. As a result the members of the club are up in arms against the order. The membership of the club is international in character but the Young Turk section of the membership has taken up the game with enthusiasm. An appeal has been made to Ankara to rescind the decision, but it is not expected to have any effect. A move is on foot to present the "opponents" with a set of sticks and a dozen balls. If once they can be induced to try the game, so it is said, their opposition will change to ardent enthusiasm for the game.

NAVY TOO GOOD FOR AIRMEN.

In the first match of the much-delayed Services Rugby Championship tournament the Navy beat the R.A.F. at Twickenham, by a goal and a try (8 points) to a penalty goal (3 points). It was not a great game, most of the play, particularly by the outsiders in attack, being ragged and disjointed, but it was keen and very fast throughout. The sailors always appeared the better equipped side, but because of their over-keenness, they were not able to score until late in the game. The R.A.F. were well served by their forwards, and they were in a strong attacking position quite as often as their rivals, but there was no finish with either three-quarter line owing to erratic passing.

Twenty minutes from the end, however, the Navy gained the upper hand. Some passing by Husson, Garrell, and Evans sent Wood over for a try, and a few minutes later Ford scored, and Brown kicked a goal. The Airmen finished a strong rally, and Llewellyn scored for them from a penalty kick.

SOUTHERN COMMAND TITLE FOR SERGT. COTTERELL.

Sergeant W. M. Cotterell (3rd Divisional Signals) was first man home in the Southern Command cross-country championship over a seven miles course at Tidworth. A member of the same unit, Lance-Corporal Broadley, was second. The team event was won by the 3rd Divisional Signals with 188 points, 2nd Cheshire Regiment being second with 335, and Worcestershire Regiment third with 448.

OXFORD LOSE BUT CAMBRIDGE WIN EASILY.

Oxford University golf team put up a great fight against Walton Heath on the latter club's course, and after losing the morning four-stroke by 2 games to 4 shared the honours in the singles in the afternoon and so were defeated by the narrow margin of two points, the day's totals being ten to eight in Walton Heath's favour. When Cambridge played the club a few weeks ago Walton Heath won by 11 to 3.

Cambridge University played the last of the term's matches, prior to meeting Oxford University at Slough, when they overwhelmed the Stoke Poges Club by 14 points to 4. Stoke Poges were by no means strongly represented, but even allowing for this it was an excellent achievement for the Light Blues to win by so wide a margin and augurs well for their prospects against the Oxonians. Five of the six foursomes matches went to the visitors and though they lost the first three singles they were victorious in the remaining nine games.

NEW DISCUS RECORD.

The world's discus throwing record was taken by Eric Krenz, the Stanford University athlete, at Palo Alto, California, with a throw of 163ft. 8ins., compared with the previous best of 158ft. 1ins., says an Exchange message.

FALKNER'S NUSSERIES.

Claude Falkner made 218 consecutive "nursery" cannons in the course of a break at Agfa, Ceylon. His complete break was 484. His previous highest number of consecutive "nursery" cannons was 165.

THE WOMAN'S CORNER.

BEAUTY.

IS IT A HANDICAP?

[By JEAN MARSH.]

I've been talking to a business man, the employer of a large office staff, and I am finding myself supremely joyful because I do not happen to be what he calls a pretty woman.

Summing up his conclusions one is led to understand that the average pretty girl in an office is an idler, a powder puff and lipstick user, a beguiler of the staff, a snare for the employer's own unwary feet, and a host of other objectionable things.

Now this cannot be right. Pretty girls are not deliberately any of these things; at any rate, no more so than their plainer confederates. It is simply the business man's opinion of them.



Employers just will not take the pretty girl seriously. They will not believe that beauty can walk hand in hand with brains. They refuse to credit the pretty girl with ambition to succeed. They think that she is only out for the matrimonial prizes, therefore it is not at all necessary to promote her. The plain girl in their opinion is more suitable for the higher positions. For one reason, she will stay, and employers hate making changes through marriage.

Asset of the Past.

Of course, it would be absurd to generalise and say that no pretty girls get on, and equally ridiculous to say that beautiful women may not be as happy and popular as plain ones, but I really think that on the whole the woman whom Nature has especially favoured as regards her personal appearance starts sadly handicapped in the great game of life.

Of course, in the past, when girls were brought up with no other objects in life than the capture of the most eligible male in the vicinity, beauty was undoubtedly an asset.

(Continued on next Column).

LITTLE ECONOMIES.

Use all bones for the stock pot. Boil this up every day, and pour off liquor at night into clean vessel.

Stale cakes and buns can be used for cabinet, queen, or other puddings, and trifles.

Left-over yolks of eggs are an improvement to soups, sauces and milk puddings.

Owing to the fact that the men of old took care to keep their beautiful wives either in pretty close seclusion, or in performing arduous tasks connected with rearing a large family beauty seemed to escape a good many of the penalties attaches to it to-day. For even in marriage beauty has become practically worthless as far as the garnering of happiness is concerned.

The man who marries for the sake of a pretty face is apt to blame its owner for his discontent when the inevitable stamp of middle-age and matrimonial friction mars the satiny perfection of the face he married.

The plain woman scores extensively here because no matter how ordinary her face may be, as long as it wears a happy expression when her husband has stared at it across the breakfast table for several years he won't be able to decide quite whether she is plain or beautiful.

There is yet another aspect which often makes a beauty a perfect bug-bear to its possessor. Once possessed, the loss of it seems unthinkable. So then does the pretty woman become a veritable slave to the hairdresser, the masseur, the manicurist, to a routine of diet, exercise and beauty culture.

No Comfort.

She never dares to ease up. She must never allow herself comfort or emotion. Both are fatal to peerless skin-deep beauty. Thus she misses the alternating ecstasies of pain and joy which makes up the sum of human happiness.

The plain woman lets herself go. What does a wrinkle more or less matter to her! She dares to love, to give herself in service and self-sacrifice, and wins thus a beauty of soul that makes her always popular and beloved.

Let all of us who are plain and ordinary sing a psalm to Nature that she has let us off those fatal penalties attached to our more beautiful sisters.

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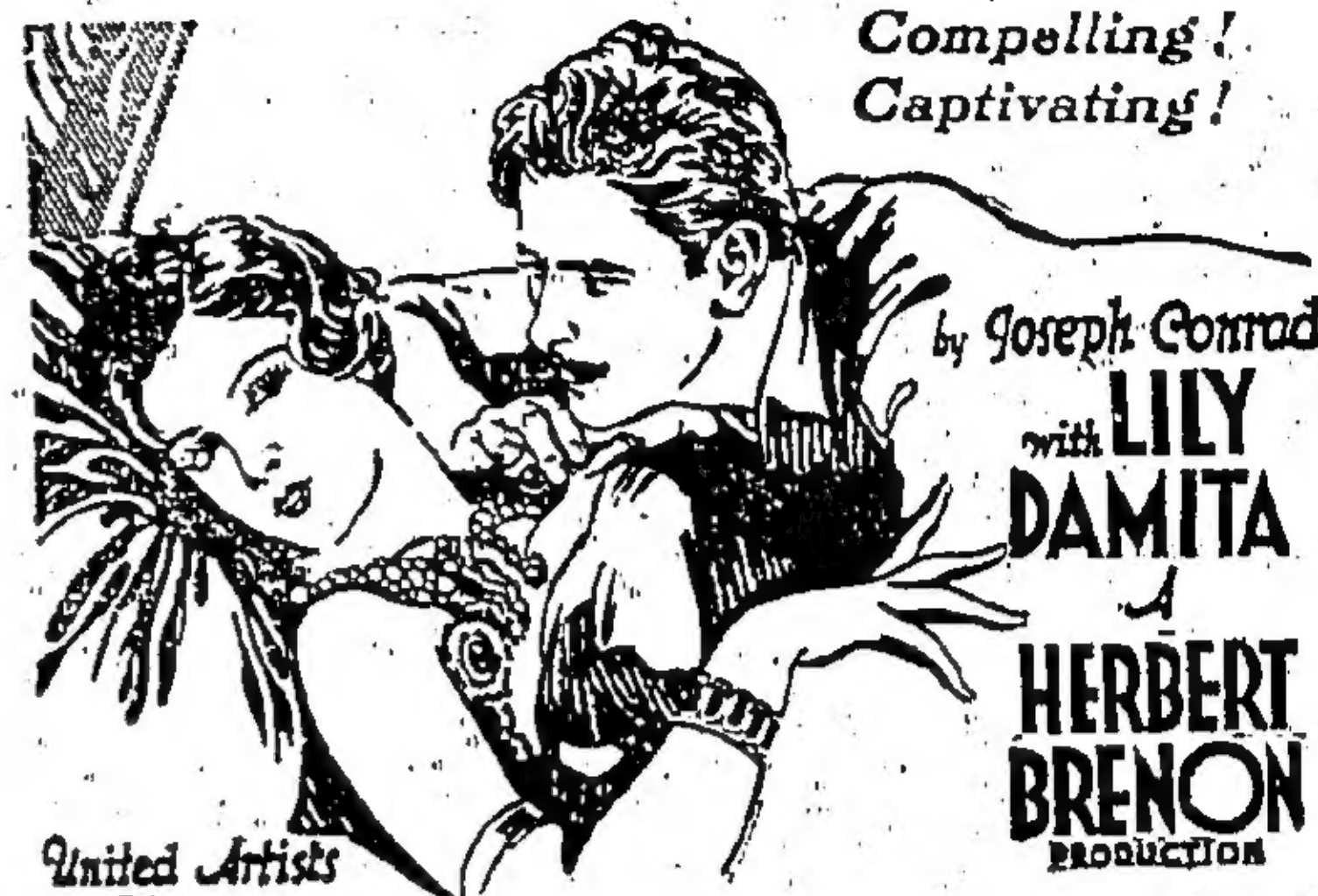
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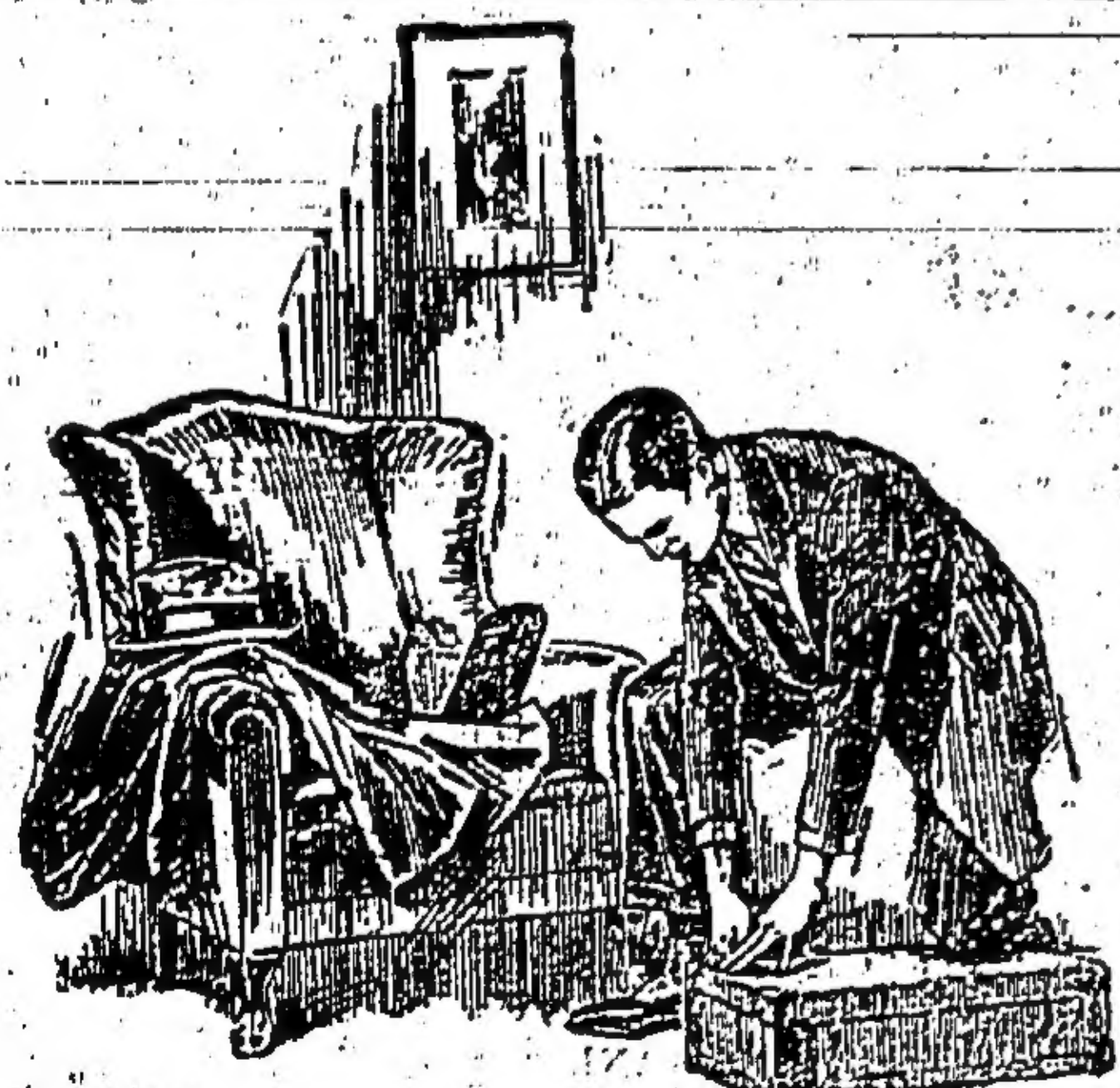
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MANCHURIA AND RUSSIA.**FAILURE OF DIPLOMATIC NEGOTIATIONS.**

Harbin (U.P.).—Diplomatic negotiations between Soviet Russia and the Manchuria Government aiming at the construction of a trade agreement and a clarification of disputed aspects of the Chinese Eastern Railway are believed to have failed, according to the Chinese newspaper *Kung Pao*.

The Harbin newspaper bases its conclusion on the action of Consul-General Helnikoff, of Russia, in abruptly terminating his visit to the capital at Mukden and in countermarching his urgent order to Vice-President Tahirkin, of the Chinese Eastern Railway, to join him in the parlay.

According to the *Kung Pao*, the Soviet Government, feeling uneasy about its position in Manchuria, appointed Helnikoff to his present post with diplomatic powers greatly in excess of those usually accorded to a Consul-General.

"Problematic Value." This was done with the expectation that he would find a way to strengthen Soviet influence in the province and would establish more friendly relations between Russia and China.

In the recent conference Helnikoff was informed that transaction of a trade agreement under the present conditions could be only of problematic value to China. The monopolization of foreign trade by Soviet state institutions renders trade relations with Russia of a complicated nature, and any clause specifying favoured treatment of Chinese nationals in Soviet territory would benefit them but little, considering the limitations imposed by the laws of that country on the activity of private capital, Manchurian officials stated.

Moreover, before the question of new treaties can be broached, the Russian Government should show its willingness to comply with the spirit of agreements already in force, Helnikoff was told. It is pointed out, particularly that some articles of the Mukden-Soviet Agreement of 1924 have not been carried out yet. Also, this treaty needs revising because of the important political changes which have taken place in China since it was drawn up.

In relation to the second objective, the Soviet Consul-General's attempt to convince the Manchurian authorities of the legitimacy of his Government's view of the financial and accounting affairs of the Chinese Eastern Railway met with such a prompt repudiation that the negotiations were ended summarily.

CHILD MURDERED TO AVERT FATE.**PARENTS' HORRIBLE CRIME.****ADVICE OF A WITCH.**

Hankow.—There seem to have been so many changes in China of late and so much has been said about the overthrow of superstition, that one heard with added horror of a murder which took place recently in Hankow. An old woman who goes around gathering rags and bones went to a rubbish heap in the Road of Everlasting Peace, looking for saleable trifles. Among the rubbish she noticed a package, and, on turning it over, saw that it contained the body of a boy covered with blood. She at once notified the nearest policeman, who summoned an inspector, and it was found that the corpse was that of a child of about three years of age, who evidently had been stabbed to death.

Parents' Frank Confession. Detectives were sent to make inquiries and one of them received a hint from a woman, as a result of which a maker of bean-curd and his wife were arrested. Neither seem to have hesitated to tell their story, which was confirmed by an assistant in the shop. The couple have been married for some years and had previously had six children, all of whom had been claimed by the Goddess of Mercy when they were infants. The seventh child, the murdered boy, lived for three years, but when the mother came back from work on Tuesday he was very ill. She took the opinion of some old crones as to what was going to happen and was assured that the child was going to die.

To Break the Spell. The old hag went on to say that this was a favourable chance to break the spell, for, if this child died by violence, the mother would bear other children who would live. The matter was discussed with the father, who forthwith stabbed the dying child to death and arranged with someone to throw away the body. Thus superstition shows its power to conquer love and pity.

ROUND THE POLICE COURTS.**LIZARDS ORDERED OUT OF COURT.**

A Chinese who makes a living by selling lizards, was yesterday summoned before Major C. Willson for contravening the terms of his licence. He was also charged with offering a bribe of thirty cents to an Indian constable.

The lizards were produced in Court as evidence, but their natural odour being strongly in evidence, His Worship hastily ordered them to be taken out.

A fine of \$1 was imposed for breach of the conditions on the licence, and a further fine of \$3 was imposed on the charge of bribery.

TRADE MARK INFRINGED.

By order of Major C. Willson, a number of electric bulbs, seized at the Kam Sing Electric Co. Ltd., of 30, Wing Lok Street, are to be turned over to the General Electric Co., on the ground that they bear a trade mark which infringes the trade mark of "Osram" lamps. The order followed a prosecution by the General Electric Company.

The bulbs will be returned to the Kam Sing Company after the trade marks have been removed.

SHADES OF NIGHT!

According to the police authorities, a long war is raging in Aberdeen, but the activities of the respective clans are confined to the breaking of night-refuge receptacles. A Chinese who was charged with this offence was fined \$25 by Mr. E. W. Hamilton yesterday. The alternative was one month's hard labour.

"THOU SHALT NOT"

"What do you mean by spitting in my Court," asked Mr. E. W. Hamilton of a Chinese who was in the First Magistrate's Court yesterday. Defendant replied that he was clearing his throat which, often gave him trouble and sometimes compelled him to spit. "Don't do it again," advised his Worship, as he sent the man away with a caution.

JOSS STICKS CAUSE A SUMMONS.

Summoned for hawking without a licence, a Chinese girl told Mr. E. W. Hamilton that she was looking after her grandmother's stall while the latter had gone to light some joss candles. Asked why it was necessary to leave her stall to do that, the old woman replied that Hong Kong was such a windy place that she could not find a suitable nook for her purpose. The Chinese constable in charge of the case could not say if the day was windy or otherwise and the Magistrate discharged the defendant with a caution.

The Chinese, who was arrested on Tuesday for complicity in the robbery at No. 10, Castle Road on 31 last, was brought before Major C. Willson yesterday, and on the application of Inspector Shannon, was remanded one week.

AT KOWLOON COURT.**"TALENTED ARTIST" CAUTIONED.**

A young Chinese appeared before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy for begging. The defendant denied the charge protesting that he was a talented artist and was singing a song for which he received an award from an appreciative audience, when he was arrested by a detective.

The Magistrate enquired if there were any regulations prohibiting street singing and received a reply that there were not.

It was alleged that the defendant carried several short pieces of bamboo which he knocked together. He went to three different shops and asked for money.

The defendant said that the detective was not present when he sang.

The Magistrate registered a conviction and cautioned the defendant.

UNREPORTED SMALL-POX.

The master of a shop at 317, Lai-chikok Road, was fined \$50 by Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith for failing to notify the authorities of a case of small-pox, which was contracted by one of his shop employees.

Sanitary Inspector Frost prosecuted.

It was stated that defendant's shop was visited by a medical officer, Dr. Yeo, and a young boy was found suffering from small-pox. The boy was notified to the Sanitary Office where it was discovered that the case had not been reported.

STOPPING PLACES FOR BUSES.**ICE HOUSE STREET NOT RECOGNISED.****ANOTHER "TEST" SUMMONS.**

Before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Central Magistracy yesterday, the driver of motor bus No. 603, belonging to the Hong Kong Hotel, was summoned for stopping at an unauthorised place in Queen's Road Central near Ice House Street.

Giving evidence Inspector Nicol of the Traffic Department, said that at 12.25 a.m. on March 23, he was driving along Queen Road Central between Pedder Street and Ice House Street keeping about fifteen yards behind bus No. 603. The Inspector was then travelling at about twenty to twenty-five miles per hour.

Opposite the St. Francis Hotel, the bus suddenly stopped to pick up passengers. He asked the chauffeur for his licence and told him he would summon him for stopping at an unauthorised place. Witness told the Court that the next stopping place was opposite the City Hall.

Inspector Nicol, producing a copy of the regulations, said that a bus could not stop outside an unauthorised stopping place for the purpose of picking up or discharging passengers. That regulation was made on June 2, 1927, and witness was not aware that special concessions had been given to the Hotel Company.

Asked if he had any questions to put to the witness the defendant said: "I had instructions from my manager to stop for passengers."

His Worship: Mr. Parsons will be called as a witness later. The facts are admitted then!—Yes.

What are your instructions exactly?—I have to pull up immediately I hear the bell ring twice.

Before calling Mr. Parsons, His Worship said he desired to find out what instructions the Company had given and what they thought about the matter.

Manager's Evidence.

Mr. T. R. Parsons, manager of the Hong Kong Hotel Garage, then went into the witness-box.

His Worship: What is the position of the Hotel Company as regards this case?

Witness: Inspector Alexander and I selected the stopping places before the service was started. He informed me at the time that there would be no objection to stopping in between these places.

What date is this?—October 15, 1928, before the service started.

Continuing, Mr. Parsons said: The arrangement was to stand until such time as the service had been run or tried out, to find whether the places selected would prove suitable to the public or otherwise.

Mr. Hamilton interposed at this stage to add that they also had to consider the unfortunate pedestrians "who were chased all over the streets" by the buses and who had a "right to existence after all."

Witness, in answer to another question by the Bench, said that nothing further had been done with regard to the negotiations. The Company were proposing to get Ice House Street corner as a further stopping place.

His Worship: I hope you won't obstruct Ice House Street!

Witness: It would be in Queen's Road.

Inspector Nicol: Queen's Road at that point would be too narrow. If two buses stopped there, it would form an obstruction.

Replying to the Magistrate, Inspector Nicol stated that he knew nothing of the arrangement with Inspector Alexander mentioned by Mr. Parsons.

His Worship: Under the circumstances, I think we can go no further on this summons.

A Difficult Position.

Continuing, His Worship said that the position was a difficult one and he asked what the Traffic Department would do to a bus driver who stopped for a man who was standing in the middle of the road with his hand raised. If the man boarded the bus after it had thus pulled up, would the bus driver be summoned? Further, did the public know if Ice House Street was a recognised stopping place? He confessed that he himself thought it was. His Worship thought that the chauffeur in question had broken a regulation technically, but added that the man himself probably did not know.

Inspector Nicol stated that if the bus stopped to pick up a passenger, a summons would be issued. Summons were taken out in Kowloon almost every day under the regulations.

Mr. Hamilton: Are they? They were not in my time. I was there in February and I don't remember one case.

MOTOR CYCLIST FINED.

Before Major C. Willson yesterday, A. Grassart was summoned for driving motor cycle No. 43 without a driver's licence and with failing to notify the police of change of ownership.

The defendant pleaded guilty to the first charge, but explained that (Continued on next Column).

CORRESPONDENCE.**THE ESSENTIALS OF CHRISTIANITY.**

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

Sir,—Your account of my address of yesterday to the members of the C.E.M.S. contains the following passage:—

"It was a tendency, Sir Henry said, for young men of to-day to deny Christianity as a 'Cissy' religion for priests and petticoats."

What I actually said, or rather read out, was:—"One very curious reason which has been given for not practising Christianity is that it is rather a weak and sloopy sort of religion—the sort of religion that is appropriate for anemic or elderly people and clergymen to follow."

I should be grateful if you would kindly insert this correction in your issue of to-morrow.—Yours faithfully,

H. E. POLLOCK.

Hong Kong, April 17.

"THE LOVELORN."

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

Sir,—I wish to most heartily protest against your film critic's sarcastic notice in your paper of even date. The above gentleman I notice refers to "A plump heroine at the Queen's," and gives the name of Sally O'Neil, whereas the player's name is Molly O'Day, and goes on to muddle the cast of characters by placing Molly O'Day as the star who fills the rôle of "George," whereas this rôle was filled by Sally O'Neil. Your film critic seems to have rather high hat ideas, and it is interesting to note that another paper in the Colony has a distinctly different idea of "The Lovelorn." A case of "When the Doctors Disagree," but when a doctor gets so hopelessly mixed in his own profession, surely his clients would turn to another who does not get mixed.—Yours, etc.,

FRED. K. NICHOLSON.

[Owing to a regrettable error the names of the two leading actresses in this picture were transposed as stated. Opinions, however, differ as to the merits of even the best of films, and a critic must be allowed to express his own opinion if what he writes is to be of any value.—OUR FILM CRITIC.]

RUSSIAN CHIMES IN TOKYO.**FOR THE ORTHODOX CHURCH.**

Tokyo, April 3.—With the completion of work on the church bells in the steeple of the only Russian Orthodox church in Tokyo, Christians of the Japanese city are again called to worship by the ringing of chimes.

There are six new bells, five of which are the donation of an Orthodox church in Poland and the sixth comes from a church in the Hokkaido Islands. The church from which they now peel their tidings was destroyed in the catastrophe of 1923 and was completed only recently by the Christians of Tokyo.

CINEMA NEWS.**"THE RESCUE" TO-DAY AT QUEEN'S.**

Ronald Colman, the popular English actor who was starred in "The Dark Angel" and "Beau Geste," has the chief rôle in "The Rescue," a screen version of Joseph Conrad's famous novel, which is showing at the Queen's from to-day to Saturday.

The story tells the adventures of Tom Lingard, a trader in Java, who has promised a native chief that he will help to restore his lost empire.

Herbert Brenen, the director of "Beau Geste" and "Peter Pan," directed the picture which, with its beautiful tropical backgrounds, and excellent photography, is said to be Ronald Colman's finest picture to date. Lily Damita, a new French screen "find" heads the supporting cast of players.

he was not the owner of cycle No. 49, so that there was no question of change of ownership.

Evidence was given by Inspector Nicol, of the Traffic Department, to the effect that he saw defendant riding in Victoria Road on March 28 at 11.40 p.m. He stopped defendant to examine his lights and at the same time asked defendant for his licence. Defendant replied that he had no licence and explained that he had "only bought the machine from Mr. May last month."

The defendant informed His Worship that the Inspector must have been mistaken. He did not say he "bought" the machine from Mr. May. He said he "took over" the machine, which meant that he was using it during Mr. May's absence.

His Worship fined defendant \$5 on the first count and dismissed the second summons.



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NANKING CENSORSHIP.**ATTEMPT TO MUZZLE FOREIGN PRESS.**

Nanking, April 8.—The Central Party Propaganda Department has requested the Waichiao-pu (Ministry of Foreign Affairs) to issue a warning to the foreign Press in China against disseminating false reports concerning Chinese affairs, as well as the publication of irresponsible correspondence and unfair comments.

Serious steps to prohibit publication of the journals concerned will follow any disregarding of this warning.

AGED MAN AND FACE POWDER.**21 YEARS FOR THIRTY CENTS.**

Manila (U.P.).—A 30-cent box of face powder meant a 21-year prison conviction here for a man 73 years of age. For theft of the powder from a small shop he was sentenced to imprisonment for two months and a day.

Because it was found that he had been convicted on five previous occasions during the past 10 years, he received an additional sentence of 21 years under the recidivist law.

PROMISE FULFILLED.**OFFICER'S REQUEST TO EX-PRIVATE.**

A wounded officer's promise to a private who was carrying him to a dressing station during the War in France, "I shall never forget you for this," has been fulfilled at New Tredegar.

A lawyer has informed Mr. Leonard Wilde that Lieut. Griffith, who died recently, left him \$8,000.

RISKY WORSHIP IN CHICAGO.**SYNAGOGUE CONGREGATION ROBBED BY BANDITS.**

Chicago, April 9.—Five bandits to-day held up and robbed the congregation of the Rumanian synagogue here, obtaining jewels and money valued at more than \$30,000.

The gun-men entered the synagogue during a meeting which was being addressed by the Rumanian envoy to the United States who was speaking about plans for the Rumanian national celebration to be held in Bucharest on May 10.

Covering the congregation with pistols the bandits stationed guards at the door to the Synagogue and then proceeded to rob all persons in it systematically, taking only purses and jewels.

The bandits escaped in an automobile after warning the congregation that any person approaching the door within five minutes after their departure would be shot.

CANTON'S WATER SHORTAGE**WELLS GIVING OUT,****BREAKDOWN AT PUMPING STATION.****RICH HARVEST FOR WATER CARRIERS.**

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, April 17.

Following the break-down of one of the engines at the Canton Waterworks, which are now a Government concern, the City is again facing a serious water shortage. Only the lower levels are getting the service and in the Old City, Tungshan and parts of Sai Kwan people are having to resort once more to the never-failing wells. There are plenty of wells in Canton but with two exceptions they are the property of private individuals and the usual permission to neighbours and friends to use them has been revoked, in most cases, owing to a general fear that the drought will continue, and even the wells will dry up if the supply is not carefully conserved. The result is that people thus left without water have to pay carrying coolies exorbitant sums for bringing water either from the Pearl River or from the spring at White Cloud Mount.

BOILING WATER SHOPS.

The keepers of "boiling-water shops" complain that they are very badly hit. In normal time two teapots full of boiling water are supplied for a copper cash, and large numbers of people get their tea made in this way, finding it worth the saving in time, trouble and fuel. Water for washing is also supplied at two cash for a couple of buckets full. Many of the boiling water shops have closed as people refuse to pay the extra price due to the cost of getting the "raw material"—cold water.

The tea house keepers are also complaining. They find that water from street wells is not good enough and, again, they have to put up their prices owing to the cost of getting the purer supply from the River or the White Cloud spring.

Already a number of the wells have failed, notably those at Siu Pak and Tai Pak, which usually supply quite large areas.

The carrying coolies are, of course, reaping a harvest, their charge varying from five to ten cents for a couple of buckets. A limited supply is given by street hydrants, where noisy crowds collect, brawls are frequent and increasingly large detachments of police are told off to keep order and see that everyone gets a share.

WATERWORKS IN TROUBLE.

The Waterworks have had difficulty for some days now and the authorities state, in a circular issued to-day, that they will not be able to give their usual supply until April 21. They explain that they cannot clean their filter beds and get the broken-down engine repaired before them. Meanwhile they are supplying each section of the city in turn. Thus from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to-day the Old City and the Eastern district will have the supply. From 4 p.m. to 9 a.m. the next morning will be the turn of Sai Kwan. People are told to store what they will want but in actual fact many of the houses never get a drop of water. The pipes in the Canton Office of the *Daily Press*, for example, have been dry for the past three days.

The medical authorities are anxious about the situation and fear the consequences of the general use of water from questionable sources. They are urging the need of improving the City's supply upon the Government.

LI TSAI HSIN'S ADVICE.**PEACEFUL MEASURES URGED.**

The *Nam Chong Pao* learns that Marshal Li Tsai Hsin, who is still living comfortably at Tangshan, together with Wu Tzu Hui, has addressed a letter to Wong Shui Hung asking him to place himself under the orders of the Central Government, and not to carry on his military activities.

RICE FAMINE IN KWANGTUNG.**"MISFORTUNES NEVER COME SINGLY."**

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, April 17.

"Calamity never comes singly but always in pairs," says a Chinese proverb which will strike an echo in many European ears. It is lucky for China that her misfortunes do not come in three as they are said to do in the West.

This proverb is now being cited by all the "old wives" of Kwangtung for the drought of the Autumn has been followed by a practically rainless spring. Only three times has rain fallen since the advent of Spring, according to the Chinese calendar. Kwangtung is in consequence faced with a serious rice famine.

The rice fields throughout the province are dried and cracked in a net work of fine lines, and even those patches which, having a little water at the beginning of Spring, were planted out with shoots of rice are now dried up with their plants dead and shrivelled.

The inhabitants of the East River districts are already feeling the famine and are subsisting chiefly on potatoes and other vegetables; the farming population of the West River districts are in no better case. Practically no rice crop will be reaped this year and unless relief is given by the Government millions in Kwangtung will be facing starvation within the next few months.

The failure of the Autumn crop decided the Government to remit the Customs duty on rice from Annam and other places abroad for a period of eight months, but since the Spring crop has also failed something further will have to be done both for Kwangtung and Kwangsi.

The continued drought is also seriously affecting the water supply in the cities and villages. The inhabitants of Fatsan, who formerly relied on wells, now have to go a long distance to fetch water from the river, and the inhabitants of the thousands of small villages on the hillsides, far from the river, are in an even worse predicament.

DISPUTE BETWEEN JEWELLERS.**QUEER ALLEGATIONS.****TROUBLE AT A NATHAN ROAD BUSINESS HOUSE.**

Before Mr. Justice Wood at the Summary Court yesterday, two Sinhalese jewellers appeared as the parties in an action. The plaintiff, K. O. Williams, who conducted his own case, and A. G. James, represented by Mr. Horace Lo, for \$500, being the value of personal effects, and \$350 as a share of the business. Effects worth \$238 had been returned, reducing that part of the claim to \$262.

In his evidence, plaintiff said that he had a shop at 30, Nathan Road, and he went to Canton on February 27, leaving the defendant, who was a sleeping partner, in charge of the business. He left on the premises two boxes containing various articles.

On his return four days later, plaintiff went to the shop, opened one of his boxes and changed his clothes. While he was doing this defendant hit him on the nose, and took away a bunch of keys, some papers, and \$3.20 in money. Plaintiff was then detained until half past eight at night with the defendant's wife keeping guard at the door. Plaintiff added that he lost various articles left in the boxes.

In cross-examination plaintiff denied allegations of not keeping the books properly. He admitted that all he had put into the business was his "well-known and valuable name." Questioned regarding a letter written in Sinhalese in which it was stated that the whole stock of Williams & Company belonged to the defendant, plaintiff said he was forced to sign that letter. Further denials were made of suggestions by the defence that the story of being locked in the room was a tissue of lies and that the reason why he went to Canton was because his business was not successful.

Defendant said he was not in possession of plaintiff's keys. He admitted that the plaintiff left two boxes in the shop, but denied taking anything out of them.

Holding that the case had not been proved, his Lordship gave judgment for the defendant with costs.

GOODBYE TO "TOM" GRIMSHAW.**QUARRY BAY RESIDENTS MAKE PRESENTATIONS.****THIRTY-NINE YEARS IN THE COLONY.****TOUCHING TRIBUTES AT CLUB GATHERING.**

A note of sadness prevailed in the dance hall of the Taikoo Club last evening when farewell presentations were made to Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Grimshaw who sail for Home on Saturday by the P. & O. liner "Karmala."

Thirty-nine—nearly forty—years is a long span in the life of any man, and Mr. and Mrs. Grimshaw have lived in the Colony for that period. It is not difficult for the imaginative mind to picture Quarry Bay in the days before the construction of Taikoo Dockyard. There is something in the rocky boulder-strewn hills surrounding the Bay which is strongly reminiscent of the hills of Scotland. It is therefore meet that 75 per cent. of the residents hail "fare over the Border," and among that community Mr. and Mrs. Grimshaw have endeared themselves. Their departure will leave behind many fragrant memories and there are many younger members of the community who have cause to feel grateful for the motherly interest of Mrs. Grimshaw and kindly friendship of Mr. Grimshaw.

Messrs. W. Wotherpoon and J. Mitchell, who, next to Mr. and Mrs. Grimshaw and Dr. O'Brien, are the two oldest residents of Quarry Bay, occupied the chair for the first and second half of the proceedings respectively.

Mr. Wotherpoon's Tributes.

Mr. Wotherpoon said that Mrs. Grimshaw had been a resident of Quarry Bay for 31 years while Mr. Grimshaw had been employed at Taikoo Dockyard for 39 years, being for about 8 years on the Dockyard staff, and prior to this was, for about 11 years, on the Taikoo Sugar Refinery staff.

A blank would be formed in the life of Quarry Bay when they left, which would be felt by the older residents for some time to come. Mr. and Mrs. Grimshaw had now arrived at a point where a happy change had taken place in the course of their lives, from the workaday life in the heat of the semi-tropical climate of Hong Kong to a life of ease and retirement in the temperate climate of the dear old Homeland.

The speaker said he was sure that Mr. and Mrs. Grimshaw would carry away with them the very best wishes of all residents of Quarry Bay and their many friends in Hong Kong for a future of long and happy years.

He was glad to see such a large attendance of Quarry Bay residents and other friends present to make the unique occasion a success in every way, and in the name of the assembled company he wished Mr. and Mrs. Grimshaw long life, health and prosperity.

Continuing, the speaker said he had personally known Mr. and Mrs. Grimshaw for about 27 years and he had frequently been in daily contact with Mr. Grimshaw during that time. Personally, he would miss Mr. Mr. Grimshaw's cheery presence and conversation very much.

Mr. Wotherpoon concluded his remarks by wishing Mr. and Mrs. Grimshaw every happiness in their well-earned and well-deserved retirement, and expressed the hope that they would be long spared to enjoy it. (Applause.)

"My Old and Dear Friend."

Mrs. J. Mitchell was to have made the presentation of a handsome leather suit case and a gold wrist watch to Mrs. Grimshaw but was unable to be present owing to indisposition. Mr. Mitchell deputised for her and read her speech.

"I can't tell you how honoured I feel at being asked to make this presentation to my old and dear friend Mrs. Grimshaw," she had written. "I say honoured, not because she happens to be the oldest lady resident in Quarry Bay, but is what one might say a pioneer of Quarry Bay."

"It is over thirty years since my good friend landed here, and at that time there were few women folk in the place, and I have been told that those few had many hardships to put up with, but Mrs. Grimshaw's unfailing good nature and kindness very much helped to make things possible. She has seen many changes in our remote part of the colony, and with each change she made her own special niche."

"She has also seen many people come and go, and to all of them she extended a helping hand, if not always in material aid, in giving a word of cheer and encouragement when it was most needed."

Slippers for Soldiers.

"It's not every lady, if any, who has the shoeing of a regiment to her credit, but, during the war, our old friend made no fewer than 800 pairs of bedroom slippers for soldiers in the hospitals." (Applause.) "I think myself that I deserve the V.C. never mind an O.B.E." (more applause.)

Mrs. Grimshaw told me she didn't want silver as she had enough, and she didn't want jewellery, as it was too much of a responsibility, but her good friends, the ladies of Quarry Bay, ask her to make an exception in their case, and accept from them this token of esteem, hoping you will be long spared to wear it and value its usefulness, particularly when you have those late suppers to get ready—on time—in the Homeland." (Loud applause.)

In response, Mrs. Grimshaw said she could not tell how pleased she was with the gifts. She thanked them very much. She felt sorry to be leaving all her good friends but everybody had to go some time. At any rate she would think of Quarry Bay a great deal.

"I cannot say any more," she concluded, obviously moved.

She took her seat to the accompaniment of musical honours.

Mr. G. McLeod sang an adaptation of "Will ye no come back again," the words of which were specially written for the occasion.

Mr. K. E. Greig then made the presentation to Mr. Grimshaw of an inscribed gold half-hunter watch and a suitcase. Mr. Greig said he was extremely pleased that he had been asked to make the presentation. The Grimshaws were among the first people he met when he came to the Taikoo Dockyard 30 years ago. He always had the greatest respect for them.

Whatever Mr. Grimshaw had done in connection with his work in the architectural department had seen the embodiment of all his zeal and skill to the satisfaction of the company and his own credit. (Applause.) The management always held him and his department in the highest esteem.

Mr. Grimshaw, the speaker continued, was one of the community who really counted. He led the social life of Quarry Bay and was a well-known bowler, a good shot, and a splendid all-round sportsman.

"Curtain!"

In the old days, when they held children's parties at the Club, Mrs. Grimshaw could be relied upon to dress the little girls and push them on to the stage at the right moment and Mr. Grimshaw could be depended upon to raise the curtain at the wrong moment! (Laughter.) That was in the good old days.

The first dance the speaker had in Quarry Bay was with Mrs. Grimshaw in 1906. He had one with her the other day and the only thing he could say was that her "step" was more modern. (Laughter.) The same sentiment could be applied to Mr. Grimshaw who, as a sportsman, usually finished as good as when he started.

Hong Kong to-day was a much dearer place in which to live than in the old days when there were no motor-cars and no electricity. Then, they had to provide their own amusements and the Grimshaws were invaluable to the community.

In conclusion, the speaker asked Mr. Grimshaw to accept the presentation on behalf of the Taikoo Dockyard, the Sugar Refinery, and the residents of Quarry Bay. (Applause.)

Kerosene Lamps.

In reply, Mr. Grimshaw said that on an occasion like this he should be excused from saying anything at all. He felt entirely at a loss to thank them adequately for what they had done. Thirty-nine years in a man's life in a community like that of Quarry Bay or Hong Kong was a long time. Many changes had occurred during that time.

In the early days, with no mechanical means of transport, Quarry Bay was a long way from Hong Kong. There were no trams and very few rickshaws and the homes of the residents were illuminated by kerosene lamps. The community were kind to one another because they never knew who was going to be sick or die next (laughter). They had to make their own amusements.

With the assistance of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, Mr. Dickson, and other old friends, the Taikoo Club was started. (Applause.)

But there was an old resident then the speaker in the Colony in the person of Dr. O'Brien. He was there five years before the speaker and was a perfect mine of anecdotes.

In conclusion, the speaker thanked all present most heartily for their kind tokens of esteem and said he would always carry with him happy memories of the old days. (Applause.)

Mr. Mitchell, who presided over the second half of the proceedings, said he first met Mr. Grimshaw in Liverpool in 1897. Five years later, he met him again in Quarry Bay and greatly appreciated the bond of friendship which Mr. Grimshaw held out to him. They had been friends ever since and the speaker wished him many years of health and happiness in his retirement. (Applause.)

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BIAS BAY PIRATES.**RENEWED ACTIVITIES.**

After a spell of peacefulness in the vicinity of Bias Bay, there is reason to believe that piratical activities will be resumed as soon as opportunity offers. This state of affairs is probably due to the withdrawal of troops from that district owing to the recent crisis in Canton.

According to information which has been received by the police authorities in Hong Kong, a former military commander has established himself at Bias Bay with about 500 men, all armed with modern weapons, for the purpose of piracy and robbery.

A large quantity of cloth, stolen from an unknown pirated ship, was recently sold openly.

A pirate leader named Lam Tsui, aged about 43, and a native of Fan Lo Kong, has established relations with the bandit gang mentioned above and, it is feared these men will probably attempt a piracy in the immediate future.

NEW BATH HOUSE AT KOWLOON.**TO BE OPENED AFTER DROUGHT.**

The new bath house built at the corner of Lai-chikok Road and Boundary Street at Shumshuipo was handed over to the Sanitary Department by the P.W.D. on Tuesday afternoon.

The new building has two storeys. The ground floor being a lavatory and the upper storey is arranged with about 40 cubicle shower-bathrooms. Both hot and cold water connections have been installed with a boiler in the basement to supply the hot water. Quarters for the bath house attendants and boiler engineer are at the rear of the building.

One Million Gallons Per Month.

It is estimated that the bath house will consume at least 1,000,000 gallons of water per month. For this reason, it has not been decided when the bath house will be opened for public use—it will certainly not be during the present water shortage.

It is hoped to build similar bath house at other points on the Peninsula, and already sites at Dock Lane, Hinghom, and at Kowloon City have been reserved for this purpose.

The building at Shumshuipo cost about \$30,000, and Messrs. Lim Yeu & Co. were the contractors.

"THE BEST PEOPLE."**ANOTHER SUCCESS FOR ENGLISH COMEDY CO.**

The English Comedy Company presented "The Best People," to a crowded house at the Star Theatre last night and judging from the reception it received, the play was a distinct success.

"The Best People" comes from the Lyric Theatre, London, and was perhaps one of the most talked of plays of 1928, when it enjoyed a run of three hundred nights.

The audience is introduced to Mrs. Lennox, a woman whose outlook is bounded by social success. Mrs. Lennox wants her children, Marion and Bertie, to marry into "the best people," but the young couple think otherwise and choose a chauffeur and a chorus girl respectively. This is in itself a fruitful background for witty dialogue, but when in addition to the children, the audience is presented with a husband for Mrs. Lennox "who wants peace at any price" the situation becomes thoroughly amusing.

Miss Valerette Clemow distinguished herself in the role of Mrs. Lennox, and made her a living and most amusing character. Mr. Lennox was played by Reginald Tippett who gave such a splendid performance as Maurice Meister in "The Ringer." Miss Kathleen Vaughan makes an appealing Marion, while Josephine Kilroy plays the charming chorus girl who stole Bertie (Thomas Bleigh) from the "Best People." Mr. Ormiston Miller plays the part of the chauffeur who won Marion's heart.

Every seat was booked for tonight's performance of "The Far East" at an early hour yesterday morning.

Musical items were rendered artistically by Messrs. G. M. McLeod, J. Mitchell, G. Stewart, Miss M. Russell, Messrs. J. Whyte, G. McLeod, R. Mac. Keown, W. Johnston, and G. Stewart. Miss McNeillie was an ideal accompanist.

The proceedings terminated with "Auld Lang Syne."

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SZECHUAN TROOPS ADVANCE.**CAPTURE OF ICHANG EXPECTED.****CITY BOMBARDED.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

SHANGHAI, April 17. Reports from Hankow are that the forces under the Szechuan General Liu Hsiang are said to have advanced to a point five miles from Ichang, the capitulation of which town is expected within 24 hours.

A Government Naval Squadron is bombarding the city, and aeroplanes are reconnoitering in the interior, reporting by wireless the movements of Tao Chun's and Hu Tsung Tu's forces.

Staunch Allies!**(Wah Tsz Fat Pao.)**

It is reported that when the Szechuan troops, about 15,000 strong, neared Ichang, Chiang Kai Shek ordered them to quit the locality, which was then taken over by Nanking troops. Troops have been detailed to prevent the Szechuan troops from marching eastward.

It is said that, due to a misunderstanding, a clash occurred on Monday between Szechuan and Nanking troops. The situation has been restored to normal.

Earlier Reports.**[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

HANKOW, April 17. The report that fighting has broken out at Shasi has been officially confirmed, but hostilities have hitherto been only of a skirmishing nature.

It is believed that Marshal Chiang Kai Shek, as head of the National Government in Nanking, has ordered his troops to attack the Kwangsi faction troops under General Hu Tsung Tu and Tao Chun, in order to speed up the surrender of the Kwangsi forces and avoid wasting time in useless negotiations.

Opinions expressed are that these Kwangsi troops will be unable to make much of a stand since they are sandwiched between General Liu Hsiang of Szechuan, General Chang Fat Pui (of the Ironsides) and General Hsia Tao Yin on the east. Therefore, submission of the Kwangsi troops is momentarily expected.

Meanwhile, sailings from Hankow to ports on the Upper Yangtze River have been suspended.

No News from Changshu.

A Nanking naval wireless message stated that no further news has been received from Changshu where the A.P.C. installation was wrecked last week and members of the staff captured.

Another message states that General Hu Tsung Tu and Tao Chun are still in Shasi.

LIU CHEN NIEN BEATS THE REBELS.**CHEFOO REPORTED LOOTED.****(Wah Tsz Fat Pao.)**

SHANGHAI, April 17. Chefoo was thoroughly looted by the rebel troops on April 12 upon learning of the arrival of the Government troops. Nearly all shops were victimized.

Rebel troops who were besieging Muping also looted the villages in the vicinity, when the troops of Liu Chen Nien suddenly broke the siege and routed the rebels.

Large quantities of arms and military supplies as well as many rebels, including over fifty White Russians, were captured.

FRESH CONFERENCE RUMORED.**(Wah Tsz Fat Pao.)**

SHANGHAI, April 17. It is rumored in Tientsin that Chiang Kai Shek will soon go North, and summon Yen Hsi-shan, Feng Yu Hsiang and Chang Hsueh Liang for an important conference on the general situation.

SEARCHING VESSELS AT WOOSUNG.**PROTEST TO BE MADE.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

SHANGHAI, April 17. It is understood that the Consular Body has wired the Diplomacy Body at Peking requesting the latter to protest to the Chinese Foreign Ministry against the demand of the Garrison Commander at Woosung for the right to search all vessels entering Woosung, which is allegedly a violation of the privileges in connection with navigation granted to the various Powers.

EDUCATIONAL AIDS NEW INSTITUTE TO BE ESTABLISHED.**RETURNED BOXER FUNDS.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

NANKING, April 17. The Central Government has decided to establish, as part of the Paris University system, a China Institute of Construction.

The expenses, \$500,000, will be appropriated from the returned French Boxer indemnity.

GROWING ALARM IN TSINAN.**WOMEN SENT TO TSINGTAO.****CHINA HESITATES TO TAKE CONTROL.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]****PEKING, April 17.**

In accordance with instructions from Nanking, Sun Liang Cheng did not enter Tsinan as arranged yesterday, and has withdrawn his troops to Taihan and Tsining.

The disturbed conditions along the Shantung Railway continue, and Japanese residences at Fangtsu have been looted during the recent revolt by the Huapeitan members.

Japanese civilians in Shantung are moving to the coast. Three hundred women and children left Tsinan for Tsingtao on Monday, and 180 from Changchun left for the same destination.

It has been arranged for 1,500 more to leave Tsinan to-morrow, but possibly the decision that the Japanese withdrawal will be postponed will alter their plans.

Of Short Duration.**TOKYO, April 17.**

In a statement regarding the circumstances necessitating the postponement of the evacuation of Shantung, the Foreign Office emphasizes that despite the necessity of thus complying with the Nationalists' request, it is still hoped to be able to carry out the withdrawal within two months, as originally stipulated under the terms of the Tsinan settlement.

This is indicative of a hope that the postponement will be of short duration.

The military are understood to have decided to retain three of the five vessels chartered for transportation of troops.

Commencement Urged.**TOKYO, April 17.**

It is learned from a reliable source that the military authorities, after careful investigation, have decided to inform Mr. Yoshizawa that it is essential to commence the evacuation of Shantung at the end of April at the latest, for the purpose of completing it by May 27 in accordance with the Tsinan agreement.

War Office Orders.**TOKYO, April 17.**

The Commander of the Japanese Garrison in Shantung has been telegraphically instructed by the Japanese War Office to postpone the evacuation of troops in accordance with a decision arrived at yesterday.

It is understood that the Japanese Government is drawing up a statement explaining the reasons necessitating the postponement.

The Status of Tsingtao.**SHANGHAI, April 17.**

It is reported that in accordance with an unpublished annex to the Tsinan Agreement, Tsingtao will be made a special municipal district.

Chiang Controls the Railway.**SHANGHAI, April 17.**

With the exception of portions of the vicinity of Tsinan, which are still controlled by Feng Yu Hsiang's troops, Chiang Kai Shek now controls the Tsinan-Pukow Railway.

MALCOLM CAMPBELL'S SPEED BID.**CONFIDENT OF SUCCESS.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

CAPTOWNS, April 17. Captain Malcolm Campbell, who will make an attempt on the motor speed record, has left for Vernet Pan.

He is most confident of success, and most impatient to get his attempt at the land speed record finished.

FRENCH TRAIN SMASH.**EXPRESS DRIVER UNDER ARREST.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

LONDON, April 17. Eight people were killed, and 21 injured in a train disaster at Hala, Brabant. The express from Paris came into collision with a goods train.

The engine-driver of the express has been arrested. It is stated he over-ran the signals.

WINDING UP COTTON YARN ASSOCIATION.

MEMBERS' DECISION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, April 17. At an informal meeting in Manchester of members of the Cotton Yarn Association it was decided by 97 votes to 41 to instruct the directors to wind up the Association.

There must be, however, at least two further meetings, at which 75 per cent of the votes have to be in favour of the decision, before the winding up can be accomplished.

GERMANY'S NAVAL SURPRISE.**A "POCKET BATTLESHIP."****TREATY RULES DO NOT APPLY.****[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]****New York, April 17.**

The new German cruiser, Ersatz Preussen, may necessitate a revision of the Washington Treaty rules governing ship design.

This is stated in a bulletin issued by the United States Navy Department, drawing attention to the performance of this so-called "pocket battleship," which it is declared has a fighting strength greatly superior to the Treaty class 10,000-ton cruisers.

It is pointed out that the Ersatz Preussen has a fuel capacity for a continuous voyage of 10,000 miles at twenty knots, which is beyond the possibilities of any other vessel afloat. She is faster than any existing battleship.

The bulletin adds, "It is difficult to see how any vessel except a battleship could deal with such a ship."

SOUTH AFRICAN FLOGGING CASE.**LASHING DELAYED.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]****PRETORIA, April 17.**

The flogging penalty in the case of Jack Nafte, the white farmer, convicted of manslaughter, suspended by an official application, granted by the Supreme Court, to defer the lashing until this evening, to enable application to be made to Justice Solomon to review the matter.

PRES. HOOVER ADDRESSES CONGRESS.**REVISION OF TARIFFS.****FARM BOARD TO BE CREATED.****[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]****WASHINGTON, April 16.**

The creation of a Federal Farm Board, as well as the limited revision of the tariff and the reorganization of the Tariff Commission were the outstanding recommendations of President Hoover's message to Congress.

Mr. Hoover said that the Board he suggested would investigate the causes of the agricultural depression and would be charged with finding sound remedies. It would have authority and resources to apply those remedies.

He proposed that the Board should be equal in importance to the Interstate Commerce Commission and the Federal Reserve Board.

President Hoover emphasized that in determining changes in the tariff, account must be taken of the broad interests of the whole country, including American trade relations with other countries.

He declared that no discrimination against a foreign industry was involved in equalizing the difference in costs of production at home and abroad.

He also urged that the salaries of the Tariff Commissioners should be higher so that the Government would be assured of getting men of broader attainments.

Equally, he thought that in the reorganization, the basis in which the Commission made recommendations to the President for administrative changes in the rates of duty should be made more automatic and more comprehensive so that the time required for the determination of the Commission would be greatly shortened and many secondary changes in the tariff could well be left to the action of the Commission.

A Session's Work.

President Hoover's message also expressed agreement with the Congressional leaders' views that the session should be limited to the consideration of Farm Relief measures, and limited changes in the Tariff rates.

The exceptions would include the enactment of Bills for taking the 10-yearly census and the re-appointment of seats in the House.

POLITICAL PLOT IN PORTUGAL.**EX-PREMIER ARRESTED.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

LISBON, April 16. It officially announced that ex-Premier Antonio Maria Da Silva and a number of others concerned in a plot against the Government have been arrested.

Ex-Premier Domingos Pereira and ex-Minister Daniel Rodrigues are wanted by the police there.

Rumours of a Monarchist plot are denied and it is declared that the Army and Navy will support the Government.

SHANGHAI ELECTRIC SOLD.**AMERICANS MAKE BIG CASH DEAL.****BRITISH FINANCIERS ASSOCIATED.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]****SHANGHAI, April 17.**

What is believed to be one of the biggest, if not the biggest, cash deals ever made East of Suez was completed to-day by the ratification of the Shanghai International Settlement agreement to accept the offer of the American and Foreign Power Company of \$10,000,000 for Shanghai's Electricity Department, with plant and assets, as a going concern.

The buying company is a subsidiary of the Electric Bond and Share Company, which operates in 31 states of America, and 17 foreign countries. Its assets are officially stated to be \$1,075,000,000.

Associated in the deal is a British group including Mr. F. Dudley Docker, of the Electric and Railway Finance Corporation; Sir Harry Cassie Holden; the Lazard Brothers, the Whitehall Electric Investments, Limited; and the Whitehall Trust, Limited.

THE DISARMAMENT DISCUSSION.

SOVIET'S INITIAL SUCCESS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

GENEVA, April 16.

The result of the first discussion of the Disarmament Committee was a success for the Soviet delegation inasmuch as the Soviet plan for general disarmament is to be the first subject of discussion.

The Turkish delegates have submitted a scheme which provides for the fixing of the maximum effective forces required for the defence of each of the great Powers. States possessing forces above the maximum agreed upon must reduce them, but States below the maximum will not be allowed to increase.

Sweeping Proposals.

At the Disarmament Committee meeting Tewfik Ruzdhi Bey, the Turkish Foreign Minister, urged the examination of the Turkish plan for disarmament on the basis of equality with other schemes.

Husein Khan, the Persian Minister to Paris, emphasized the importance Persia attached to the reduction of armaments.

M. Litvinoff then outlined the Soviet Disarmament Scheme, providing for the abolition of bombing aeroplanes and dirigibles, and destruction of all bombs which can be dropped from the air, the manufacture of which would be prohibited. The scheme also provides for the prohibition of chemical warfare and destruction of poison gas factories.

Viscount Sato thought that the Soviet scheme went beyond the framework of the committee, whilst Count Bernstorff urged the committee to take into account the useful Russian suggestions.

M. Massigli (France), contended that the Soviet plan was impracticable.

HIS MAJESTY.

PAYS VISIT NEAR BOGNOR.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, April 16.

The King and Queen had a motor drive this morning from Craigwell House for a mile and a half to Colbrook House, where they were received by Mrs. Ricardo.

They spent some time walking in the beautiful grounds.

This is the first time His Majesty has driven out since he went to Bognor.

ROY CHAPMAN ANDREWS ANNOYED.**ASIATIC EXPEDITION HELD UP.****"IMPOSSIBLE DEMANDS."****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

PEKING, April 16. Mr. Roy Chapman Andrews, the American explorer, stated to Reuters that the Peking Cultural Society is now making such impossible demands on the Central Asiatic Expedition that it is likely the expedition will be unable to go to Mongolia this year. He said:

"This Society demands that we spend all the money, do all the work and give everything we find to China, in addition to paying the expenses of three Chinese scientists to proceed to Mongolia, and afterwards taking them to America for two years and again paying all their expenses."

Mr. Andrews declares that unless conditions are modified he will not set a foot in Mongolia, preferring to return to America with the work of the expedition uncompleted.

A deadlock exists now and the Peking Cultural Society is, according to the matter to the National Government in Nanking.

SMALL-POX IN EUROPE.**FRANCE IN A PANIC.****DRASTIC ORDERS NOW CANCELLED.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]****LONDON, April 16.**

As a member of the crew of the Anchor liner Tuscania, from Bombay, recently died of small-pox in Marseilles, the ship's doctor vaccinated the passengers and crew between Marseilles and Liverpool.

The health authorities in Great Britain have since been very active in keeping in touch with all contacts.

The Ministry of Health announced, on April 13, that 35 cases of imported infection had been notified in London of whom five had died.

It was stated to-day that there were 175 cases in London including twelve passengers from the Tuscania, the latter suffering from a virulent type of the disease.

That the alarm has spread to the Continent is evidenced by the announcement of the French Government that from to-morrow they will enforce drastic regulations to prevent small-pox infection and that all mailboats from England must hoist the quarantine flag before entering French ports; the names with addresses and full designation of all passengers must be supplied and each passenger must present a certificate of vaccination within the past two months before landing, otherwise they will not be allowed to disembark.

All the boat crews must be vaccinated forthwith.

Amplification in London.

The heads of tourist organizations in London, astonished at the new order, say that it will deal a heavy blow to France's trade in Continental traffic generally and result in a practical stoppage of all passenger traffic to France and beyond, as the public will not get vaccinated in order to go to the Continent except those compelled by business.

Air Passengers Too!

The French small-pox regulations, to be enforced on Thursday, apply to air passengers, as also to all travellers merely traversing France.

Imperial Airways, Limited, are arranging to vaccinate all passengers at Croydon. Steamer passengers will be done aboard. About 2,000 cross daily from England to France.

British Embassy Note.**PARIS, April 17.**

The British Embassy handed the French Foreign Office a Note this morning urging the suspension of the vaccination regulations, pending further consideration of the matter, and consultation between the two Governments.

Regulations Suspended.

LATER. The French Government's small-pox regulations have been suspended until further notice.

A decision provisionally to suspend the order was reached by the Cabinet this morning after consideration of the British Note.

M. Loucheur, Minister of Health, explained the position to the Cabinet, and admitted that local Port Authorities had applied to the International Sanitary Convention without referring to him.

French and British health authorities will confer as to precautionary measures.

Mostly Mild Cases.

There are now 205 cases of small-pox in London and 11 "suspects" under observation.

There are no further victims from the Tuscania, the number of which cases remains at 19. The Tuscania cases are virulent but most of the others are of a milder type.

Lascars Affected.

The British India liner Mashobra arrived in Marseilles on April 13 with two lascars suffering from small-pox. All the passengers, including Lord Burnham (of the Simon Commission) who was returning to England from India, were vaccinated, and arrangements have been made to supervise the movements of passengers and crew after the Mashobra's arrival in London on April 30.

A TRANS-ARCTIC AIR SERVICE.**DR. NANSEN'S SCHEME.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]****BERGEN, April 16.**

Dr. Nansen, the noted explorer, has returned from America, where he has been negotiating in connection with the proposed trial flight of the Graf Zeppelin to America via the Arctic in connection with the proposed trans-Arctic airship service between Europe and America.

Interview, Dr. Nansen expressed the opinion that Fairbanks, Alaska, was the best site for a mooring mast. Negotiations are proceeding with the American authorities.

Certain American newspapers have proposed that the mooring mast on the European side be erected at Leningrad.

SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA.**SEVENTEEN COUNTRIES IN CONFERENCE.****A COMMON CAUSE.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]****LONDON, April 16.**

Delegates of seventeen countries, including the British Dominions, India, the United States and most European countries, including Soviet Russia, also Japan and Holland, assembled at the Foreign Office for the opening of the International Conference on Safety of Life at Sea convened by the British Government with an aim towards revising the International Convention signed in London in 1914 after the Titanic disaster.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister, President of the Board of Trade read a message from the King wishing success to the Conference.

The proceedings thereafter were private.

Aims of the Conference.

British Wireless learns that Sir P. Cunliffe-Lister, in addressing the conference, said:

"The purpose of this conference is to review the Convention of 1914, and we assemble almost on the anniversary of the Titanic disaster which was the immediate cause of the last conference. That conference was of the greatest value. It was a novel and ambitious experiment and sought to cover a wide field. Most of the questions affecting the safety of passenger ships came within its purview. That conference dispersed and within six months came the catastrophe of the Great War. And now we are met again, all allies in a common cause of humanity and the very experience of the war will be applied in aid of this specific task. The work which lies before you can be summed up in a sentence.

You meet to review the conclusions reached 15 years ago in the light of the knowledge and experience gained in those critical years. Much time and study have been devoted to problems of construction and provisional conclusions have been tested by the actual application to new ships.

Importance of Wireless.

Great developments have taken place in wireless telegraphy. Wireless is becoming—if it has not already become—the most important element in the safety of life at sea. To-day it not only insures greater safety of the ship which carries it but it makes her a potential saviour of her sister ships.

Thus the latest discoveries of science come in to reinforce and make more effective the oldest tradition and practice of men who sail the seas.

On these and other problems you bring to bear individual and collective experience which is unrivalled.

Chairman Elected.

On the proposal of Mr. Wallace Whitehead, of the United States delegation, Vice-Admiral Sir H. Richmond, Chairman of the British delegation, took the chair.

SOVIET AND BRITISH PLANES.

MAY BUY CIVIL MACHINES.

HOME TRADE WITH RUSSIA.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

LONDON, April 16.

Mr. G. Locker-Lampson, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, stated in the House of Commons to-day, in reply to a question, that he understood negotiations had taken place between the Soviet Government and a British aircraft company with a view to the supply to Russia of a considerable number of aeroplanes.

No licence was required to export aeroplanes from this country. If however the aeroplanes were fitted with any armament, such as machine-guns or machine-gun mountings, a licence would be required before that armament could be exported.

No application for licence to export such material to the Soviet Government had been received recently. It was not the policy of the British Government to impose restrictions upon the export of civil aircraft to foreign countries.

The President of the Board of Trade stated that imports from Russia to this country for the last twelve months amounted in round figures to £21,500,000. Exports from this country to Russia amounted to £2,700,000 and re-exports to £3,000,000.

TEXTILES IN MEXICO.

Investigations recently made concerning the progress of the textile industry in this country show that there are at present 144 cotton spinning and weaving mills, employing altogether over 41,000 workers, of whom nearly 3,000 are children.

The production amounts to nearly 20,000 tons. In the 29 woollen textile mills 5,800 workers are employed. The total capital invested in both branches is over 85 million pesos.

RADIUM SUPPLIES IN BRITAIN.**£200,000 ASKED FOR PURCHASE.****GOVERNMENT AID.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

TO-DAY AT 5.15 P.M.

HONG KONG LEAGUE.

Division I.

China Athletic v. Hong Kong F.C. Hong Kong F.C. ground. Referee Mr. F. Smith.

The China Athletic complete their fixtures with the above game. They are two points behind Somerset L.I. A win for the China Athletic will be a tie for the Championship. A replay will be arranged between the S.L.I. and Athletic should the Athletic win today.

Yesterday's games in the Hong Kong League, Division II resulted as under:—

K.O.S.B. Res. 3 R.A.F. 0
S. Units Res. 3 S. China "A" 1
K.F.C. Res. 3 R.A. Res. 2

K.O.S.B. v. R.A.F.

These teams met at Sookunpo and decided to play for four points. The K.O.S.B. won by the large margin of six goals to nil. The return game between these teams was to have been played on Wednesday next, 24th instant.

Although the Borderers won by a big margin, they were much better than their usual form. Jarvis put a great game in the R.A.F. goal, but received little support from the backs. Hume opened the score from a pass by Hart. Stephens put them two up. Play continued in the R.A.F. territory and Crawley put in the third goal.

Before the interval Crawley scored again. Half-time, K.O.S.B. 4, R.A.F. 0.

Resuming, the Borderers continued to press but Jarvis was safe between the sticks. The R.A.F. transferred and Shiers in the Borderers goal cleared shots from Buckland and Plunkett. Crawley scored again and before the final whistle sounded, Bird beat Jarvis, the final score being six goals to nil in favour of the K.O.S.B. Should these four points stand, the K.O.S.B. equal the Royal, with 43 points. The Navy have to play St. Joseph's in their remaining fixture and require one point only to win the junior championship.

SMALL UNITS v. SOUTH CHINA "A".

At Caroline Hill, South China went down to the Small Units by three goals to one. The game was fast throughout and on the run of the play, the Small Units deserved their win. Each side scored once in the first half. Goal for Small Units and Ng Po Kin for South China "A".

The Small Units attacked strongly from the restart, but Cheung Wing Shing was safe at back. A penalty to the Small Units did not improve matters. Coates failing to beat Sun Kwok Cheung from the spot kick. Goal for Small Units and the final whistle sounded and they won as stated above.

KOWLOON v. R.A.

Playing on the Railway ground, Kowloon beat the R.A. by the odd goal in five. The R.A. took the lead through Reid with Kowloon two players short. This led was maintained to the interval. Kowloon fielded a full side when the second half commenced and drew level through King. Seddon gave the home team the lead, while Campbell put them three up. Taylor scored for the Gunners and Reid lost his team a point when he failed to convert from the penalty spot.

FRIENDLY FOOTBALL MATCH.

KOWLOON COLLEGE BEAT H.K. EUROPEAN TEAM.

Before a big crowd of football enthusiasts at King's Park, an interesting match was played between a Hong Kong European Team and Kowloon College yesterday afternoon and resulted an easy win for the latter by 7 goals to 1.

HOME FOOTBALL.

FIRST DIVISION LEAGUE MATCH.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, April 16.

Playing in Division I. of the English League to-day, Burnley were successful at home against Huddersfield Town by three goals to two.

THE YACHT CLUB.

CLOSING CRUISE ON SATURDAY.

The Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club's closing cruise takes place on Saturday when all friends of members and subscribers will be welcome at the Club House. Championship and other trophies will be presented during the afternoon and in the evening a dinner will be held at 8 p.m. at Club, Crawford's. Members who wish to attend are asked to write to the Hon. Secretary (Mr. R. J. Vernal) as soon as possible.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

CLUB DEFEAT H.M.S. CORNWALL.

The last game of the Rugby season was played last night at Happy Valley in weather that was far more suitable for water-polo, and much too hot for cricket, let alone Rugby. It is therefore a great tribute to the fitness and enthusiasm of the thirty players that such a hard and fast contest was seen by a company that was keenly if not deliciously enthusiastic. The ground itself had been thoroughly watered—by the way it is only nullah water—very dirty and running to waste! At a matter of fact there was a patch in front of the stand that was nearly a swamp—but anything is better than the old concrete sort of pitch!

The Club had to open against the setting sun and for a moment the Cornwall pressed. Then the Club, playing seven forwards and a five-eighths—or some sort of a vulgar fraction anyway, and a very useful one too!—began to take charge. It was pretty clear their back was holding the sailors and their superiority outside soon became apparent. They were dangerous once or twice with good passing, but the Cornwall rushed the ball back to the Club twenty-five. Plummer relieved with a beautiful kick, and then the Club were all but in Goldman just failing to get over in the left corner after a beautiful bit of combination. A minute or two later a nice bit of reverse passing saw the Club over by the posts but a forward pass very properly was given. Then the ball came across from the left and Goldman turned up from nowhere on the right to go over far out. The kick failed.

By this time it was quite evident that Cornwall were not the side that beat the Club some three months ago, and I believe I am correct in saying that they had no less than six or seven of their regular side off. They seemed to feel the heat more than the Club and were beaten for pace.

Goldman was nearly in again a minute later but hesitated and turned in instead of going for the corner flag. Then the Cornwall forwards made a gallant burst to the Club twenty-five and looked dangerous, when Wales picked up, ran brilliantly through to their twenty-five and transferred to Plummer, who put Sott in. Goldman converted. After the kick-off the Club came back and from a scrum on the far right Plummer picked up and his opponents thought he had passed out apparently. Instead he cut through and with a quick slanting dash went over near the posts. Goldman again converted and the score at half-time was 13-0.

It remained to be seen if the Club could stick the pace, and for a few minutes it seemed they could not. There was a lot of rather blind passing on their part, and soon a Cornwall centre broke through and though tackled his forwards backed up, punted on, and were rewarded with a nice try on the left a bit out. The kick, however, failed.

Stung by this reverse, the Club came back splendidly. There was a lot of ding-dong play in the centre, but finally from a scrum on their own half the Club had the ball out and a magnificent bit of passing sent Scott over for the prettiest try of the match. The kick just failed. For the rest of the game they were in charge. Once with three men to spare a centre hesitated and all three overran him, when the line was at their mercy. However, shortly after, the Club forwards heeled from a scrum on the left and Stanion dashed over between the posts, and Goldman added the final whistle, leaving the Club winners by 21 points to three.

There is no doubt that they were far the superior side, and it is a great pity the Cornwall was not at full strength, as there would have been a magnificent struggle. The Club seven forwards played a splendid game and it would be unfair to mention any one of them in particular. They got the ball at least three times out of four, and were particularly good at getting it back out of loose "mushes." On the whole the passing was very good, though the handling was faulty at times and one or two of the outsiders showed a tendency to overrun the man with the ball. But it is very easy to criticize from the stand! It was a delightfully open game to watch, the Club wisely passing on every possible occasion.

The Cornwall never chucked their hands in, and even when they were clearly a beaten side went all out in the most gallant way. They were clearly beaten for pace, and the changes in their fifteen obviously upset their combination altogether. It will be most interesting to see the next game, when next season the ship is back and can put out their full side. In Stanion, Plummer and Wales the Club have got the nucleus of a fine set of outsiders, while Scott and Goldman are excellent wings. Grieve Kicks well and with a little more experience in choosing the right place to stand will make a very fine back.

WAS. BIRD.

JACK DEMPSEY TO STAGE A COME-BACK?

RESUMES ACTIVE TRAINING.

GERMAN NAMED AS LIKELY OPPONENT.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, April 17.

The Sports Editors of American newspapers predict that Jack Dempsey will re-enter the prize-ring, and again win the world's heavyweight title.

The prediction is apparently based on the fact that the ex-champion has resumed active training. Latest gossip mentions Max Schmelling, of Germany as Dempsey's probable antagonist, which would give the fight the desirable international flavour.

THE RYDER CUP.

AMERICAN PLAYERS IN ENGLAND.

A FORMIDABLE SIDE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, April 16.

The members of the American Ryder Cup team of golfers, arrived in Plymouth this morning, with Walter Hagen as their captain.

Hagen, in an interview with Reuter's representative, discussing the prospects said it was the best team that America had ever sent to England.

All American Open Champions who were eligible to play had been included, though he was prepared to admit that they would all have to play hard to retain the Cup. He mentioned that all twelve American players were born in the United States.

The match is to be played at Leeds and the eight to represent the United States will be selected according to the form displayed in preliminary trials.

Seventeen American golfers, all of first-class rank, are included in the party and all will compete in the British Open Championship at Muirfield.

Miss Marion Hollins, the American lady champion in 1921, and Miss Turpin, the present Southern States' champion, arrived by the same boat to compete in the British Ladies' Championship at St. Andrews.

BABE RUTH'S NEXT AMBITION.

DESIRE TO LET WAISTLINE EXPAND.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 10.

Babe Ruth, the most famous of American professional baseball players, intends to retire within two years so that he "can enjoy life," he declared in a newspaper interview.

"I am tired of training and keeping in year-round good physical condition as I must as long as I remain in baseball," Ruth said. "I want to retire and let my waistline expand."

GIRL STUDENTS TO STUDY IN FRANCE.

Northampton, Mass.—Forty Smith College sophomores have been elected by the French department of the college to spend next year studying at Grenoble and at the Sorbonne in Paris under the direction of the college. This is the fifth group of students to spend the year in France as a part of their work at Smith.

Professor Louise Delpit and Margaret H. Peoples, who will be in charge of the group, will have direct supervision over the students. Under their supervision also, the students will live in groups of two or three in homes of approved French families, and attend plays and operas, visit museums, libraries, churches, and places of interest outside Paris.

TO-DAY'S RADIO.

SINCERE CO. PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Government Broadcasting Station Z.B.W., on 350 metres:—

1.45 p.m.—Weather report.
5.30 to 6.30 p.m.—Programme of Chinese music. (Bela records supplied by The Canton Trading Association, Ltd.).

7.45 p.m.—Evening weather report.
8 to 10.30 p.m.—Programme of Chinese music relayed from the Roof Garden of The Sincere Co., Ltd.

10.30 p.m.—Close down.

SMALL-POX.

INCREASE OF CASES LAST WEEK.

Though the small-pox epidemic is on the wane recent figures issued by the Medical Officer of Health suggest that it cannot be regarded as over.

Last week's new cases totalled 21, of which 3 were from Kowloon, 12 from Victoria and 1 from Shaan-kiwan. All were Chinese.

The death toll was 39. Last week's figures were: New cases, 13; deaths, 10.

On Monday there were 3 more cases and on Tuesday 4. All were Chinese.

TWO SOLDIERS ARRESTED.

SHOP-BREAKING OPPOSITE THE QUEEN'S.

Privates Macdonald and Hague, of the Somerset Light Infantry, were arrested last night by the police for alleged house breaking (a shop) and with stealing therefrom. The incident occurred at 7.40 p.m. last night, and the soldiers are alleged to have broken into the shops opposite the Queen's Theatre and stolen various articles.

When charged at the Central Police Station last night, both pleaded guilty. It is understood that they will be charged at the Central Magistracy this morning.

THE NEW FORD CAR.

LOSS OF SEVENTY-TWO MILLION DOLLARS.

Boston, April 10.—The Ford motor car concern suffered a loss of \$72,000,000 in 1928 on account of re-tooling its plant for production of the new Ford models. The company revealed this in a statement filed to-day with the Massachusetts Commissioner of Corporations.

The statement was filed in accord with the state law which requires a statement of financial condition from all corporations operating in the state.

AEROPLANE CRASH IN MEXICO.

ALL ON BOARD KILLED IN 100FT. DROP.

Mexico City, April 10.—Five persons were killed to-day when a single-engine aeroplane of the Mexican Aviation Co. crashed to earth near the air field here.

The machine, one of the regular passenger aeroplanes of the Mexico City-Brownsville, Tex. line, was departing for Brownsville and had risen only 100 feet in the air when it suddenly nose-dived and crashed into the ground. The three passengers and two pilots aboard were killed instantly.

The cause of the disaster is unknown.

GERMAN ECONOMIC SITUATION.

MEMORANDA SUBMITTED TO REICHTAG.

Berlin, April 2.—The Reich Government has submitted to the Reichstag the memoranda issued by the Governments of Prussia, Bavaria, Hesse, Baden and Oldenburg concerning the difficult economic situation prevailing throughout the western part of the Reich, and especially in the occupied areas.

In its covering note, the Reich Government promises the continuation of its investigations concerning the possibilities for assistance, but emphasizes that it cannot bind itself to submit to the Reichstag a definite bill concerning such measures, until the financial situation of the Reich has considerably improved, and its obligations regarding reparation payments been definitely fixed.

PROHIBITION DEATHS.

178 IN ALL.

Washington, April 5.—The Treasury Department, which is in charge of enforcement of the federal prohibition laws, to-day made public statistics in connection with the operations of enforcement agents.

The statement revealed that 25 persons have been killed as result of enforcement efforts during the last 15 months, and a considerable number were injured in resisting arrest.

The total deaths since the Department undertook enforcement of the prohibition laws have reached 178. The number of civilians killed is 134 and the number of prohibition agents killed 45.

The statement was published in response to widespread protests against the drastic activities of prohibition enforcement representatives, which newspapers and citizens have accused of unwarranted raids and shootings.

DISCIPLINE IN THE RED ARMY.

ITS DEVELOPMENT SINCE 1918.

EDUCATION ON COMMUNIST LINES.

TROTSKY'S FAME QUESTIONED.

Moscow (U.P.).—That the ruling Communist Party is successfully moulding the armed forces of the Soviet Union into an absolutely loyal and dependable support for its power appears clearly from figures published in connection with the eleventh anniversary recently of the formation of the Red Army.

Starting in 1918 with a desperate undisciplined mass of soldiers under officers whose loyalty, to say the least, was questionable, with Tsarist Generals in many cases holding strategic posts, the Soviet Government sixteen years later possesses a Red Army that is not only rigidly disciplined but devoted with almost religious fervour to the Communist idea.

Every third soldier is now a member either of the Communist Party or of its auxiliary, the Communist Youth. These organizations have 99,000 and 94,000 members respectively among the 562,000 constituting the Red Army. Considering that about 75 per cent of the army is drawn from the peasantry, among whom Communism has only the most shivery foothold, it speaks volumes for the effectiveness of the Communist propaganda carried on among the soldiers.

Old Officers Replaced.

Even more significant is the fact that the old line officers are being quickly retired and their places occupied by graduates of the Red military academies and by young men risen from the ranks. More than half of all the Red Army officers are of peasant origin; 28 per cent are either former factory workers or the sons of factory workers.

Over half the Red Army officers are members of the Communist Party or of the Communist Youth. This is a circumstance of supreme importance. It means that the military leadership is dominantly indubitably loyal to the present regime.

The political-moral condition of the Red Army, wrote Mr. Unschlicht, Assistant Commissar of War on the recent anniversary, "is healthy and solid. Our Party plays the leading role, the political understanding of the officers' corps is growing, the authority of the Soviet power is increasing in the Red Army."

Co-operative Farming.

Military training is only half the task of the Red Army in relation to the recruit. The other half, quite as important, is political education along Communist lines. It is the boast of the Government that every soldier learns to read and write before he returns to his native village.

He takes with him, too, ideas about co-operative farming by modern methods, a burning hatred for capitalists and kulaks (rich peasants) which makes him a force in support of the Soviet Government.

Tens of thousands of members of the Red Army upon completing their terms of service spread through the country and inevitably inculcate even the most distant villages with the thoughts being propagated intensively from Moscow.

A startling proof of this is to be found in the fact that 30 per cent of all delegates to local Soviets, and fully 45 per cent of all presidents of these Soviets are former Red Army men. They hold a dominant position in higher governmental bodies as well.

The Red Army soldier is taught to look upon himself as the defender not merely of the Soviet Union but of the Communist movement everywhere. "The Red Army is the armed section of the World Revolution," declared one of the slogans spread during the anniversary. All political and economic life at home and abroad is exhibited to the Red soldier as part of the class struggle, and he is taught to consider the capitalist abroad and the "Nepmen" and kulaks at home as equally his enemies.

Slogans and Catch-Phrases.

This point of view is impressed upon the Red Army day after day. In simple "slogans," catch phrases, it is brought home to the ordinary soldier forcibly as a means of increasing his military loyalty as well as preparing him to support the Government's policies when he returns to civilian life. The following are a few of the slogans advanced during the celebration:—

1. The imperialists are preparing for humanity a bloody massacre for a new distribution of the world. Tilters of the whole world—all under the banner of the Comintern, for a united front in the fight against the new imperialist massacre!"

2. "The British imperialists must have a suppressed Afghanistan as a base for attacking the Soviet Union! Warriors of the Red Army, protect carefully the Soviet frontiers, hold your guns ready!"

3. "On its eleventh birthday the Red Army sends a fraternal greeting to the toilers of the world!"

4. "Long live the Comintern—the military staff of the World Revolution, the Nemesis of the imperialists!"

5. "The kulak, the Nepman, the bureaucrat are the enemies of socialism. Red Army men, come closer under the banner of the Communist Party against these class enemies!"

6. "The Kellogg Pact is a curtain behind which the imperialists hide their wild armaments race and war preparations. Only the proletarian world revolution will have humanity forever from bloody wars!"

7. "Workers and peasants, be ready in the moment of awful danger to stand like one in the ranks of the Red Army!"

Educating Trotsky.

Every effort is being made here to eradicate the memory of Leon Trotsky, the man who had more to do with bringing the Red Army into being than any other individual.

In the thousands of articles, editorials and speeches which greeted the eleventh anniversary of the formation of the Red Army, no mention was made of the man who will certainly go down in history as the creator of that unique fighting force.

The only exception to this statement was an article by his successor as Commissar of War, Kliment Voroshiloff, attacking Trotsky as a harmful influence in the military life of the nation.

The official formula advanced since Trotsky's political decline is that the army was created by the Communist Party as a whole and not by any single individual—a formula, which, obviously, has a good deal of truth in it, though not the whole truth by any means. One of the anniversary slogans declares: "The Communist Party is the leader and organizer of the Red Army; let us draw the battle ranks more closely around the Party and its Leninist Central Committee!"

Neglected the Army.

But Voroshiloff this year went further than the official formula. He not only denies Trotsky's popular fame as war lord, but pictures him as an enemy of the army. Trotsky's political agitations, he says, sapped the army of its strength. He neglected and sacrificed the army, Voroshiloff charges, in his struggle against the Party leaders, thereby leaving the country exposed to its foreign enemies.

"Now we can say with almost complete certainty," Voroshiloff writes, "that if in 1923-24 we had been obliged to take up arms to defend the Soviet frontiers, the country would have faced a perilous situation. The fighting capacity of the armed forces was extremely doubtful."

Only the fortunate circumstances that the capitalist nations were too occupied with their own labour problems to risk a war against the Soviet Government saved the Moscow regime from a disastrous attack to which Trotsky had laid it open.

"The recent liquidation of the Trotskyist opposition, which descended into the camp of the direct enemies of the proletarian revolution," Voroshiloff continues, "has given us military workers, too, the possibility to concentrate on the positive work in the ranks of the Red Army along the lines of political education and military preparation."

The Leninist Party.

The new "Right opposition," he admits, similarly threatens to interfere with army discipline and unity. "If the Party is fated to live through another internal fever," he declares, "we—the loyal fighters of the Leninist Party—will, without weakening our internal army work, stand like a solid wall against the Right opportunist menace."

The same conditions which make the Red Army completely loyal to the Soviet regime also make it extremely sensitive to the internal political conflicts in the Bolshevik ranks. Since about one-third of the privates and more than half the officers are members of the Communist Party and the Communist Youth, the internal struggle naturally involves them. Under the dictatorship of the proletariat, Party interests come first, even before military duties.

The Right tendency, being based primarily upon the discontent of the peasants, has a powerful echo in the ranks of the Red Army. Most of the soldiers being peasant boys, they feel keenly the dissatisfaction of their relatives. Letters from home complain against high taxes, against low prices for farm produce, against the lack of manufactured goods. It takes a lot of propaganda and education to offset the effect of these intimate letters upon the men in the camps and barracks.

Clashing Rumours.

The "biggest story" of the year so far—the expulsion of the former war lord, Leon Trotsky, by the

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THE FUTURE OF THE AEROPLANE.

MASS PRODUCTION FORECAST BY HENRY FORD.

Detroit, April 10.—Control of the aircraft manufacturing industry in the United States will soon pass into the hands of a few large corporations, as has that of the automobile manufacturing industry, Mr. Henry Ford said in an interview.

The Ford interview was given when the manufacturer went to attend the opening of the Detroit Aircraft Show where models of scores of new aeroplanes are on exhibition.

Recalling the development of the automobile industry in the United States, Mr. Ford pointed out that its rapid development, and the constantly increasing costs of production in small plants, forced amalgamations which brought about the present system of large corporations manufacturing on mass production programmes. It is logical to believe, the manufacturer went on to say, that the aircraft manufacturing industry will follow the same lines, small plants combining to keep down costs as the industry expands.

The United States, the manufacturer believes, will assume a leading position in the mass production of aircraft, just as she has in motor-cars.

Government which he was so largely instrumental in founding and maintaining—has at last been released to the public here.

It was preceded by a hurricane of clashing rumours which agitated the capital, and the foreign correspondents in particular, for more than a month. Reports placed Trotsky, simultaneously somewhere on the Black Sea, behind the Kremlin walls in Moscow, at the head of an army in Afghanistan and in a dozen other fantastic spots. One exciting theory came close upon the heels of another.

But official announcement which put a temporary halt to the rumours was printed in the smallest available type—just four or five lines, sandwiched between minor items and without the dignity of a separate headline to set it off from the rest.

Those few lines said tersely that "L. D. Trotsky (even his full name, Leon Davidovich, was not given) has been expelled by the G.U." "on account of anti-Soviet activity" and that in accordance with his own wishes his family went with him.

The most widely circulated newspaper in the Soviet capital is the mouth-to-mouth gazette. It reaches more people and more quickly than all the official newspapers rolled in one. It disseminates reports—mostly false ones—with lightning speed.

"Have you heard?" is a usual opening for a conversation, as usual as the one abroad, "I see by the papers."

A political anecdote now going the rounds is worth recording. "Why is Stalin suddenly so angry at Trotsky?" someone asked. "Why indeed," came the answer. "Stalin after expelling Trotsky proceeded to adopt Trotsky's programme and it worked out so badly that he has good reason to be angry."

In the old days clever political anecdotes used to be credited to Karl Radek, undoubtedly one of the wisest of the Bolsheviks. Of course, he was not always the author of those stories, but he was given credit anyhow, just as Americans attribute all anonymous jokes to Mark Twain.

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Money and Markets

HONG KONG MARKET REPORTS.

Quotations at yesterday's local
market for rice and other food-
stuffs were as follows:

Rice.	Per Picul.
Red Single Star, Unglutinous	\$8.38
Black Three Coins	7.06
Chin Li Kuei	7.64
Red Sun, Unglutinous	6.92
Red Seal, Broken	5.83
Green Flying Horse	7.12
Green Seal, Broken	6.68
Green Pearl	7.92
Green Pearl, Broken	6.34
Green Seal, No. 1 granulated	5.79
Green Seal, Pokmei	5.63

Miscellaneous.	
No. 24 Coarse granulated	\$ 7.53
Mutong	123.00
Pecked dried chestnut	12.90
Black Bean, Newchwang	6.00
Melon Seeds, Newchwang	14.90
Shark's skin	14.00
White Sesame	17.00
White Grapes	37.00
Green Flax	32.90
Bear's Paw	8.00
Canned Green Bean	7.50
Canned Seal's Meat	48.00

CANTON COTTON YARN MARKET.

During the past two days, a number
of transactions were completed
with the country district merchants,
but retail sales were limited. Prices
have varied considerably and the
market is uncertain. No. 20 has
advanced by three to four dollars
while fine yarns dropped from four
to five dollars. Latest quotations
are as follows:

No. 6 Lion	\$200
Lion, the Second	188
Hut Hou	192
No. 10 Sailing Vessel	277
Golden City	275
Peacock	273
Lotus and Bee	256
Double Lions	254
Five Lions	254
Yan Chung	272
Tai Fat	270
Tak Lee	268
Excellent Crops	254
No. 12 Golden City	286
Peacock	285
Foo Kwai	284
Tramcar	280
Pretty Damsel	276
Aeroplane	284
Tak Lee	282
No. 16 Globe	308
Foo Kwai	302
Yan Chung	300
No. 20 Golden City	341
Globe	334
Good Harvest	332
Fui Sing	330
Double Horses	332
Tin Koon	338
Double Elephants	330
Ng Fook	318
Yan Chung	328
Tramcar	321
Shepherd	328
Foo Yee	328
Three Stars	460
No. 32 Pagoda	456
Double Horses	456
Tin Koon	478
Pine Tree and Deer	478
Sheung Hee	464
No. 42 Five Sons	562
Butterfly	564
Happiness	562

BERLIN EXCHANGE.

Berlin, April 11.—Selling on
profit taking characterized the stock
exchange today as an increase of
the Reichsbank's discount rate is
generally expected. Potash and
electrics tumbled. Prices fell from
2 to 5 points.

Frankfurt was irregular and
mainly weak, the depression being
the result of the poor condition of
the money market.

Hamburg reports a dull day owing
to the fears concerning the dis-
count rate.

Berlin exchange quotations:
New York 4.317.
London 20.47.
Paris 16.47.
Amsterdam 169.54.
Rome 22.07.

EXCHANGE RATES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

	ROGEE, April 18.
Paris	194.255
New York	4.55 13/32
Brussels	34.955
Geneva	25.22
Amsterdam	12.094
Milan	92.70
Berlin	20.475
Stockholm	18.175
Copenhagen	18.205
Oslo	18.195
Vienna	34.56
Prague	164
Helsingfors	193
Madrid	32.695
Lisbon	1094
Athens	375
Bucharest	818
Buenos Aires	57 5/16
Rio	5 20/32
Bombay	1/5 29/32
Shanghai	2/8
Hong Kong	1/11 1/4
Yokohama	1/10 1/4
Silver, spot & forward	25 12/16

CANTON TRADE NOTES.

The cotton yarn market in Fat-
shan is fairly active and prices
have risen.

The bankers in the Sunwei dis-
trict decided at a recent meeting
to abolish the Tael currency and
adopt the Dollar system.

With the silk market once more
active there has been a sharp rise
in the price of the cocoons from
fifteen to seventeen dollars for ten
thousand.

During the past ten days, over
five hundred chests of green and
black tea have been exported from
Canton and Hong Kong. About
four hundred and twenty chests
were filled with "tea bricks."

The sale of artificial fertilizers
has been practically at a standstill
for some time. On account of the
drought, the farmers have been un-
able even to sow, so there is not
much opening for that line of goods
at present.

A fair quantity of electric sup-
plies are manufactured in Canton
monthly and a consignment was ex-
ported to Shanghai for the first
time last week. The prices are said
to be a little lower than those of
similar foreign goods.

The market for black tea is likely
to be affected by the shortage of
arrivals from Chimen in Amoy,
where huge quantities of black tea
are produced annually. More than
twenty of the biggest wholesale
dealers in that locality have had
their stores plundered recently by
bandits.

Price of firewood has advanced
owing to the shortage of arrivals
caused by the unreasonable imposi-
tions of tax farmers in the East
River districts. Of late, a number
of junks loaded with firewood were
detained at Hoyen and the fire-
wood merchants have appealed to
the authorities to deal with the
matter.

The prices of imported goods of
all kinds have risen considerably
in Wuchow. At present, the value
of \$100 Kwangsi banknote is
equivalent to about \$60 silver. The
fall in the value of the banknotes
has especially affected river ship-
ping as the boat fare is paid in
banknotes and accepted at full face
value for the voyage from Wuchow
to Hong Kong.

TRADE IN BLACK WOOD FURNITURE DECLINES.

The making of black wood furni-
ture has been in the past perhaps
the most famous industry of
Kwangtung. The beautiful design,
carving and construction of old
Cantonese blackwood gave it a high
value in the eyes of connoisseurs
both Oriental and Western. But
this industry has sadly declined
especially during the last year. The
Chinese themselves are taking to
Western made furniture and the
market is being flooded with valu-
able old pieces of blackwood which
are being turned out of the houses
of semi-westernized Chinese to
make room for European furnish-
ings. Though the price of black-
wood furniture has in consequence
fallen very considerably the cost of
the wood which comes in the main
from Siam remains approximately
the same varying from \$12 to \$25
per picul. Wages have gone up
during the last few years and
craftsmanship unfortunately seems
to be on the decline with a con-
sequence that the foreigner will not
buy modern blackwood as long as
the supply of old pieces lasts. It
seems probable that before many
years have passed the tide will have
changed and the Chinese will
realise once more the beauty of
their national style furniture, in
which case the value of blackwood
especially if old will rise high. In
the meanwhile more than half the
workers formerly engaged in this
industry are unemployed.

AN AMERICAN BUYS WHISKY STOCKS.

DID NOT KNOW NATURE OF BUSINESS.

New York, April 10.—Representa-
tive L. C. Dyer of St. Louis, Mo.,
Republican, has written the Board
of Directors of the New York Curb
Market Exchange demanding that
he be reimbursed for losses suffered
from purchases of stock of the
Hiram Walker Distillery Co., ac-
cording to the New York Evening
Post.

Rep. Dyer states he purchased a
block of stock in the company with-
out knowing the exact nature of its
business and later discovered it was
distilling whisky. He sold his stock
at a loss when he learned the com-
pany's business.

In appealing for reimbursement
for losses he suffered in the deal
the Missouri Congressman said the
Curb Exchange should not have
sold the stock, and that listing the
stocks of whisky distilleries was
illegal.

DISTILLERY STOCKS IN BIG DEMAND.

WALL STREET ACTIVE.

EFFECT OF LIFTING OF LIQUOR BAN ON SHIPS.

New York, April 11.—A more
buoyant tone characterized trading
during the later hours of today's
session on the New York Stock Ex-
change, says the Dow Jones Finan-
cial Agency in its daily review of
the market.

Call money was renewed at 9 per
cent, compared 10 per cent yester-
day, and held at that figure
through the day. Some call money
was lent outside the market at 8
per cent, and the whole credit
situation looked slightly better.

Prices Firmed.

Prices were firmer at the open-
ing of the market but drifted to
lower levels in the first hour of
trading. Quiet trading prevailed
and orders were light with the big
operators working very cautiously.
After a period of weakness, how-
ever, the market firmed again on
the strength of reports that the
publication of brokerage loans
figures later in the day would show
a big decrease. The decrease was
announced later as \$135,000,000.

As the favourable news circulat-
ed, prices on both the Stock Ex-
change and the Curb Exchange ad-
vanced simultaneously, the Stock
Exchange showing gains before
noon of an average of about four
points.

Distillers in Demand.

The market moved forward again
as reliable news came out that in
addition to the decrease in broker-
age loans there would be no in-
crease in the re-discount rate. The
whole list showed some strength.
Public utilities and the railway
stocks were buoyant. Copper stocks
rallied and the steel and Radio
Corporation of America strengthen-
ed sharply. Distillers stocks were
in urgent demand, partly on the
basis of favourable reports regard-
ing the outlook for these com-
panies. National Distillers fea-
tured the movement of these stocks.
United States Steel Corporation
common closed at 169 1/4, up 1 1/4
yesterday's close. Bethlehem Steel
Common closed at 111 1/4 compared
to 110 1/4 yesterday.

Anacosta up to 144.

The coppers closed higher.
Anacosta finished the day at 144,
up 1 1/4 and Andes at 64 compared
to 61 1/4 yesterday. Nevada Con-
solidated copper was up 3 1/4 to
close at 50 1/4.

Railway stocks also closed higher.
New York Central finishing at
183 1/4, up 3 1/4 and Southern Pacific
at 128, up 1. Baltimore and Ohio
was up 1 to close at 124 1/4.

In the communications American
Telephone and Telegraph closed at
220, up 3 1/4 and Radio Corporation
of America at 96 1/4, up 2 1/4.

Oils Unchanged.

The oils showed little change,
holding their own despite the in-
creased production statistics. Stan-
dard of New Jersey closed un-
changed at 42 1/4. Texas Corpora-
tion Common closed at 84 1/4, up 1,
while Shell Union was up 1 to close
at 29 1/4. Marland oil was off 1 to
close at 41 1/4. Phillips Petroleum
was up a quarter closing at 41 1/4.

Rediscount Rate Unchanged.

The rediscount rate has been re-
tained unchanged.
The brokerage loan figures for
the week ending today show a de-
crease of \$135,000,000.

U.S. FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD.

A POLICY OF "WATCHFUL WAITING."

Washington, April 10.—An at-
titude of "watchful waiting" may
characterize the policy of the
Federal Reserve Board in future
regarding speculation. It was in-
dicated today, following the close
of the meeting of district governors
of the Federal Reserve system and
representatives of member banks.

The Board probably will continue
its pressure upon its member banks
to induce them to cease lending
money for purposes of speculation.
However it will not take any posi-
tive action, it is believed, until
after the return to Washington of
Mr. Roy Young, the governor of
the Federal Reserve Board. Mr.
Young is away on the Pacific Coast
on a pleasure and business trip
and will not return here for about
a month.

It is understood the Board
hesitates to approve an increase in
the re-discount rate because of the
possible bad effect this would have
on "General Business." The Board
appears to be waiting to see how
its present programme will work
out before it takes any further ac-
tion, such as threatened in its state-
ment of last week on the credit
situation.

METALS.

Messrs. Pentreath & Co. have
kindly forwarded us the following
letter, dated March 14, which they
have received from Messrs. Hornby,
Hemelryk & Co., Liverpool:

Copper.
Close yesterday:—Cash, £33.2 1/2;
last week, £32.10.0. Three months,
£36.7.6; last week, £35.17.6.

The Standard market showed in-
clination to ease off in value, profit
taking being mainly responsible,
although it is still considered that
a large "Bull" account must exist
as a result of the recent heavy
speculation for a rise. Yesterday,
however, there was a very sharp
advance on heavy speculative buy-
ing influenced by the rise in the
price of Electro to 30.25c. c.i.f.
Hamburg, equivalent to £33.12.6
c.i.f. United Kingdom. The de-
mand was chiefly met by long tak-
ing profits.

American Copper Statistics for

February	Refined output	Short tons	Last month.
Domestic Deliveries	141,385	134,472	
Exports	98,771	100,133	
Refined stocks	50,180	57,031	
March 1	55,213	62,749	
February output	134,240	147,340	
Blister stocks March 1	231,951	250,066	
U.S. Mine output	54,769	86,881	
February			

The American statistics may re-
vive the demand from consumers
here, as they are not of a nature
to reassure buyers. So far the bulk
of the buying pressure has been
from American consumers, but au-
thorities in the United King-
dom and throughout Europe for
electrical development promise a
good demand for some time ahead.

Our New York metal correspon-
dents cable that the National Metal
Exchange has decided to inaugurate
trading in Copper Futures shortly.

Tin.

Close yesterday:—Cash, £219.5.0.;
last week, £219.7.6. Three Months,
£219.10.0.; last week, £217.7.6. New
York, May, 43.15c.; last week 43.0c.
New York, July, 43.20c.; last week,
43.30c.

Trading has been only of mod-
erate dimensions, and shorts have
succeeded in forcing the three-
months price below \$220 after re-
peated attempts throughout the
week.

The difference between Cash and
three-months has narrowed consid-
erably as a result of the support
afforded by the Cash position by
the "Bull" group. This support con-
tinues to be the one strong feature
of the market, for although reports
of consumption in the United States
are excellent, European demand
leaves much to be desired, and, on
the other hand, output proceeds
without any attempt to being
checked.

The Exports from the Federated
Malay States during January and
February this year amounted to
10,732 tons. Fine, an increase of
1,350 tons over the same period last
year.

There is little to encourage
speculation at the moment, and the
dullness is apparent also in New
York, the daily turnover on the
National Metal Exchange being
small.

Lead.

Values have lost a little ground
recently in consequence of less
prehension concerning Mexican
supplies and heavy declarations of
Warehouse Lead, designed appar-
ently to check the inclination of
the market to advance too rapidly.

The undertone is firm, American
advisers being particularly strong,
and further important contracts
for Cables in the United Kingdom
should create a good demand later
on. Australian shipments during
January-February are heavy, so
that prospective supplies are likely
to be sufficient for all needs.

Spelter.

A firmer tone has prevailed since
the publication of the January
statistics of World's output show-
ing a reduction of about 6,000 tons
compared with December. This be-
ing the first restriction month, the
result is considered satisfactory.

WHY ON THE TOP?

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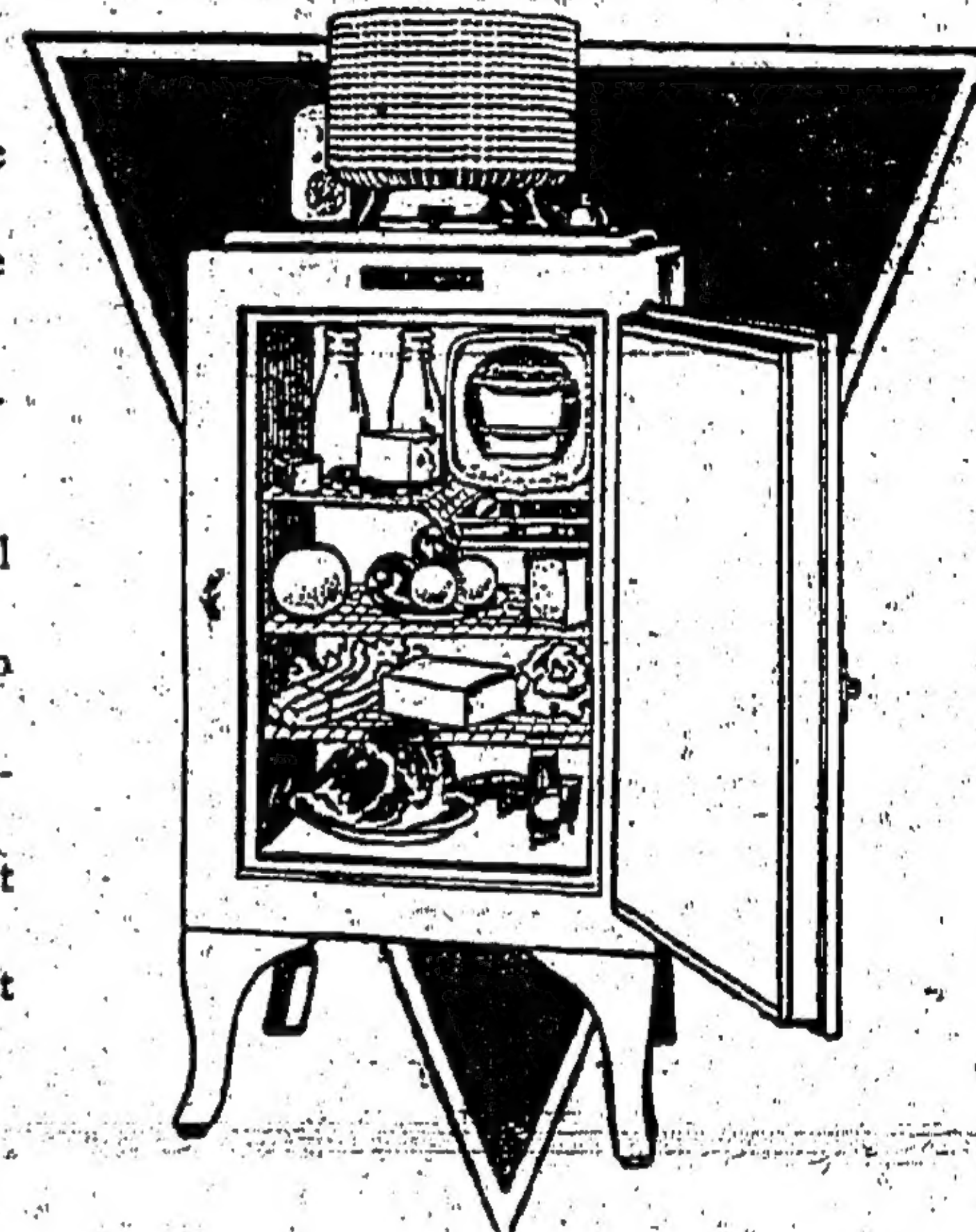
casing on the top

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Pres. Hayes, Sun. May 19, 8 a.m. Pres. Harrison, Sun. June 30, 8 a.m.

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Pres. Pierce, Apr. 23, 6 p.m. Pres. McKinley, May 11, 6 p.m.
Pres. Jackson, Apr. 27, 6 p.m. Pres. Jefferson, May 21, 6 p.m.
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YANGTZE COMMAND.

REAR-ADMIRAL MACLEAN APPOINTED.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Ross, April 18.

The Admiralty announces that Rear-Admiral Colin Kenneth Maclean, C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O., has been appointed Senior Naval Officer on

the Yangtze, in succession to Rear-Admiral H. J. Tweedie, and will assume the Command on October 15 next. Other appointments are: Vice-Admiral Sir Ernie Chatfield, Third Sea Lord and Controller of the Navy since 1925, to relieve Admiral Sir Hubert Brand as Commander-in-Chief of the Atlantic Fleet, April 17.

Rear-Admiral Dunbar Lee Smith to relieve Rear-Admiral Grace as Rear-Admiral Commanding Sub-marines, to date from September.

MR. HAVELOCK WILSON DEAD.

A FIGHTING LABOUR LEADER.

"THE SEAMEN'S FRIEND."

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, April 18. The death is announced of Mr. Joseph Havelock Wilson, founder and President for 33 years of the National Union of Seamen.

Mr. Havelock Wilson was nearly 72 years of age, and in spite of his physical disabilities was very active. In his autobiography he describes his career as a "stormy voyage." At the age of six he was selling newspapers in the streets of Sunderland, barefooted.

He ran away to sea at the age of 12, and got work on an old sailing barque, but before she sailed he was taken back to Sunderland. A fortnight later he ran away again, shipping as an engineer's boy.

Marrying young, he settled at Sunderland, made his first open-air speech at 20, and formed a National Seamen's Union in 1887. It is largely due to his work that life at sea has been so changed in the last 37 years.

In Parliament.

He sat for Middlesbrough from 1892 to 1903 and from 1903 to 1910 and for South-Shields from 1910 to 1922 as a Liberal-Labour M.P. He did not hold with the new political type of Trade Unionism. His Union cut adrift from politics in the summer of 1927 and then its income has increased by £1,000 a week. In view of the fact that it had supported and financed the Miners' Non-Political Union and other organizations "opposed to the principles laid down by the Trades Union Congress" the latter expelled it from membership in September, 1928.

For his services during the war Wilson was made a C.B.E., while in 1922 he was created a Companion of Honour.

MR. SNOWDEN ON WAR DEBTS.

"FRANCE BILKING HER OBLIGATIONS."

A BITTER CRITICISM.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, April 18. In the House of Commons, in the course of the Budget debate, Mr. Philip Snowden (Labour Party) Chancellor of the Exchequer, bitterly criticised the settlements with Continental debtors, particularly with France, who, he said, repudiated four fifths of her debt.

Many Britons had practically been ruined because France was balking her national obligations whilst she was the most prosperous country in Europe. If it had not been for British help France would not be an independent country today.

Labour's Attitude.

That the Labour Party may possibly reopen the whole question of the European Allies debts if returned to power was emphasized in the House of Commons by Mr. Snowden, who condemned the financial settlements with the Continent and repudiated the "infamous" Belfour Note, which provided that Great Britain should not demand more from her debtors than she was required to pay the United States.

Mr. Snowden said he did not subscribe to the doctrine of that agreement made by a Government with a temporary majority of the House of Commons and which committed every other Party.

RELATIONS WITH INDIAN PRINCES.

BUTLER COMMITTEE REPORT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, April 18. Simultaneously with investigations by the Simon Committee, under Sir Havelock Butler, which has been enquiring into the relationship of the States and the paramount Power, has issued a report stating that the relationship, on the whole, had been harmonious and satisfactory, and recommends the Viceroy and not the Governor-General in Council, should in future be the agent of the Crown in its relations with Princes.

Important matters in dispute between the States themselves and between States and the paramount Power and between Princes and British India should be referred to independent committees for advice.

Treaties and engagements have been made with the Crown and the relationship between the paramount Power and Princes should not be transferred without the latter's agreement to a new Government of British India responsible to the Indian Legislature, but the Butler Committee has left the door open for constitutional developments in the future.

SINGAPORE GIRL'S DEATH.

"DISGRACEFUL CONDUCT CRITICISED."

Singapore, April 10.—The inquiry by the Singapore Coroner, Mr. E. G. Bourne, into the death of the 12-year-old Chinese girl whose body was found in a lane off Synagoga Street recently was concluded yesterday afternoon.

Death was found to have been due to natural causes, and that a Chinese woman, who was stated to have adopted the girl, was arrested on a charge of causing the body to be deposited in this lane.

Dr. McIntyre told the Coroner that death was caused by peritonitis following gastric ulcer of perhaps three months duration. The ulcer would in his opinion have yielded to medical treatment.

During the last three days before her death the girl must have been in such agonising pain that it should have been obvious to anyone that she needed a doctor's attention.

In returning a verdict of death from natural causes, the coroner said he did not think the woman and man with whom the girl lived realised how serious was their neglect to provide medical attention, and in those circumstances he did not think there were sufficient grounds to justify a verdict of negligence. Their conduct, however, had certainly been disgraceful. He understood they were being prosecuted, and he was going to forward his record of the inquiry to the "Protector of Chinese."

Straits Times.

SINGAPORE'S ESCAPED CONVICTS.

ONE CAUGHT IN JOHORE.

Singapore, April 10.—Another of the 13 convicts who escaped from the Singapore Prison on March 24 has been arrested.

The man fired at a policeman who stopped a car in which the convict was passing through a village in Johore yesterday evening with several other Chinese. One of these men shot himself after exchanging shots, while running away from police.

Kulai village is 20 miles north of Johore Bahru, and such details of the affair as are to hand are meagre. It is known, however, that the convict is Yip Siew Leong, who was serving a term of seven years on charges of armed robbery and assembling to commit robbery. It was during his arrest in Victoria Street in March, 1928 that Mr. Dickinson, A.S.P., was fired at.

Following the arrest of this man, information has been obtained of the whereabouts of three other escaped convicts, and Chinese detectives from Chief Detective Inspector Porter's staff are in Johore actively following up clues which it is anticipated, will lead to their early capture.

It appears that when the man who fired the first shot was seized the others leaped out of the car. Other policemen rushed up and the Chinese dashed off with the police man after them. Shots were exchanged, and it was while he was running away that one of the men shot himself and died instantly.

The man who shot himself is not an escaped convict, but he is a person well known to the police in Singapore.—Straits Times.

COCAINE SMUGGLING AT CALCUTTA.

SEVEN ARRESTS ON TALMA.

Calcutta, April 9.—A Port Commissioner's launch made a six-mile dash in response to a wireless message from the Talma and recovered 100 pounds of cocaine, valued at Rs. 200,000, which had been thrown overboard.

The conduct of the crew of a small boat in signalling to men ashore aroused suspicion on board the Talma. Seven arrests were made. The leader of the gang sprang overboard and escaped.—Straits Times.

SHANGHAI-NANKING LINE.

EXTENSION PLANNED.

Nanking, April 11.—A project to extend the Shanghai-Nanking Rail way so as to cope with the increased passenger and freight service on the line has been submitted by the Railway Administration Department of the Ministry of Railways.

The scheme provides for:—
1. Extension of the line to Wuhu which is an important port of transit for Anhwei province.

2. Laying of double tracks between Shanghai and Nanking.

3. Laying of double tracks in Nanking from Heikwan to Hainchehmen.

4. Extension of the line from Soochow to Changshu.

5. Extension of the line to link Wush with Kiangyin.

6. Construction of a branch line connecting Wush and Hing.

7. Extension of the Shanghai-Woosung Railway to Paoshan.

NAVAL MOVEMENTS.

H.M.S. Sandwich and H.M.S. Bridgewater arrived at Malta from Gibraltar on Tuesday.

H.M.S. Okeopatra will leave Hong Kong for Woosung at 11 a.m. today.

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TJIKARANG	S'hai & AMOT	23rd Apr.	24th Apr.	BATAVIA
TJITAROEM	DALNY, K'LUNG, & AMOT	25th Apr.	26th Apr.	MANILA, M'KAR, & SOERABAYA
TJISAROE	S'hai & AMOT	2nd May	4th May	BATAVIA
TJILEBOET	DALNY, K'LUNG, & AMOT	6th May	8th May	MANILA, M'KAR, & SOERABAYA
TJISONDARI	S'hai & AMOT	13th May	15th May	BATAVIA
TJIKINI	DALNY, K'LUNG, & AMOT	20th May	22nd May	MANILA, M'KAR, & SOERABAYA

NORTH BOUND.

STEAMERS	FROM	EXPECTED ON OR ABOUT	WILL LEAVE ON OR ABOUT	FOR
TJIKINI	JAVA, MAKASSAR	18th Apr.	21st Apr.	AMOT & N. CHINA
TJISAROE	BATAVIA	20th Apr.	22nd Apr.	AMOT & S'hai
TJIMANOEK	JAVA, MAKASSAR	1st May	4th May	AMOT & N. CHINA
TJISONDARI	BATAVIA	1st May	3rd May	AMOT & S'hai
TJIKEMBANG	BATAVIA	11th May	13th May	AMOT & S'hai
TJISALAK	JAVA, MAKASSAR	15th May	18th May	AMOT & N. CHINA

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Namsang, Jardine's, Apr. 19.
Haiyang, Douglas, Apr. 19.
Kingyan, B. & S., Apr. 21.
Tjikini, J.C.J.L., Apr. 21.
Tjisara, J.C.J.L., Apr. 22.
Haiching, Douglas, Apr. 23.
Soochow, B. & S., Apr. 23.
Hosang, Jardine's, Apr. 23.
Anhui, B. & S., Apr. 23.
Talamba, B.I., Apr. 23.
Shantung, B. & S., Apr. 30.
Tjisondari, J.C.J.L., May 3.
Tjimanok, J.C.J.L., May 4.
Rutans, Jardine's, May 5.
Tama, B.I., May 7.
Tjikembang, J.C.J.L., May 13.

ANTWERP.

Ritane Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 20.
Chile, Manners, Apr. 21.
Nagore, P. & O., May 4.
Haruna Maru, N.Y.K., May 4.
Afrika, Manners, May 14.

AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

Aki Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 24.
Arafura, E. & A., May 3.
Taiping, B. & S., May 14.

BALTI PORTS.

Chile, Manners, Apr. 21.
Sumatra, Gilman's, Apr. 21.
Dessau, Melchers, Apr. 23.
Coblenz, Melchers, May 4.
Afrika, Manners, May 14.

BALTIMORE.

Rhexenor, B.F., May 8.
Oakland, Bank, May 10.
City of Lille, Bank, May 18.

BANGKOK.

Kwangchow, B. & S., Apr. 21.
Kwangtung, B. & S., Apr. 23.
Kalgan, B. & S., Apr. 23.
Chinhua, B. & S., Apr. 30.

BELOWAN DELI.

Van Heutz, J.C.J.L., Apr. 25.
Dessau, Melchers, Apr. 23.
Coblenz, Melchers, May 4.

BOMBAY.

Alipore, P. & O., Apr. 24.
Mantua, P. & O., Apr. 27.
Bengal Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 27.
Hakodate Maru, N.Y.K., May 1.
Kidderpore, P. & O., May 8.

BOSTON.

Toba Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 19.
Pres. Wilson, Dollar, Apr. 21.
Lisbon Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 23.
Pres. Van Buren, Dollar, May 5.
Rhexenor, B.F., May 8.
Oakland, Bank, May 10.
Royal Prince, Furness, May 10.
City of Lille, Bank, May 18.

BREMEN.

Dessau, Melchers, Apr. 23.
Coblenz, Melchers, May 4.

BRENDIS.

Duchessa d'Aosta, D'well's, May 1.
Esquiline, D'well's, May 3.

CALCUTTA.

Santha, B.I., Apr. 18.
Rangoon Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 19.
Tilawa, B.I., Apr. 26.
Tokushima Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 23.
Takada, B.I., May 8.
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Kumsang, Jardine's, May 10.

CEBU.

Pennsylvania, States S.S., Apr. 19.
Golden Hind, States S.S., Apr. 27.
Wisconsin, States S.S., May 3.

CHEFOO.

Huichow, B. & S., Apr. 27.

COLOMBO.

Karmala, P. & O., Apr. 20.
Kitano Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 20.
Pres. Wilson, Dollar, Apr. 21.
Duchessa d'Aosta, D'well's, Apr. 23.
Burgenland, J.C.J.L., Apr. 23.
Chenonceaux, M.M., Apr. 23.
Alipore, P. & O., Apr. 24.
Bengal Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 27.
Mantua, P. & O., Apr. 27.
Dessau, Melchers, Apr. 23.
Esquiline, D'well's, May 1.
Glenahiel, Jardine's, May 1.
Hakodate Maru, N.Y.K., May 1.
Haruna Maru, N.Y.K., May 4.
Coblenz, Melchers, May 4.
Nagore, P. & O., May 4.
Ruh, J.C.J.L., May 4.
Pres. Van Buren, Dollar, May 5.
Athos II, M.M., May 7.
Kidderpore, May 8.
Kalyan, P. & O., May 11.
Hector, B.F., May 15.

COPENHAGEN.

Chile, Manners, Apr. 21.
Afrika, Manners, May 14.
Nanking, Gilman's, May 15.

DALNY.

Franken, Melchers, Apr. 19.
Vogtland, J.C.J.L., Apr. 20.
Yingchow, B. & S., Apr. 21.
Luchow, B. & S., Apr. 23.
Aeneas, B.F., May 6.
Fulda, Melchers, May 7.

DUTCH PORTS.

Chile, Manners, Apr. 19.
Kitano Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 20.
Burgenland, J.C.J.L., Apr. 23.
Dessau, Melchers, Apr. 23.
Menelaus, B.F., Apr. 30.
Glenahiel, Jardine's, May 1.
Coblenz, Melchers, May 4.
Ruh, J.C.J.L., May 4.
Haruna Maru, N.Y.K., May 4.
City of Delhi, Bank, May 8.
Afrika, Manners, May 14.
Hector, B.F., May 15.
Nanking, Gilman's, May 15.

FOOCHOW.

Raiyang, Douglas, Apr. 19.
Yingchow, B. & S., Apr. 21.
Haiching, Douglas, Apr. 23.

GENOA.

Euryades, B.F., Apr. 20.
Pres. Wilson, Dollar, Apr. 21.
Lima Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 23.
Burgenland, J.C.J.L., Apr. 23.
Coblenz, Melchers, May 4.
Ruh, J.C.J.L., May 4.
Pres. Van Buren, Dollar, May 5.

GLASGOW.

Euryades, B.F., Apr. 20.
Hector, B.F., May 15.

GOTHENBURG.

Chile, Manners, Apr. 21.
Afrika, Manners, May 14.
Nanking, Gilman's, May 15.

HAIPHONG AND HOIHOW.

Toukin, M.M., Apr. 20.
Canton, M.M., Apr. 22.
Tea, B. & S., Apr. 23.
Kwangtung, B. & S., Apr. 23.
Hupch, B. & S., Apr. 23.
Glenbank, Bank, Apr. 23.
Chinhua, B. & S., Apr. 30.

HAMBURG.

Chile, Manners, Apr. 21.
Burgenland, J.C.J.L., Apr. 23.
Dessau, Melchers, Apr. 23.
Glenahiel, Jardine's, May 1.
Coblenz, Melchers, May 4.
Ruh, J.C.J.L., May 4.

HANKOW.

Rhexenor, B.F., May 8.
Oakland, Bank, May 10.
City of Lille, Bank, May 18.

HARINA.

Chile, Manners, Apr. 21.
Euryades, B.F., Apr. 20.
Afrika, Manners, May 14.

HONOLULU.

Rakuyo Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 19.
Pres. Madison, Dollar, Apr. 23.
Emp. of Russia, C.P.S., May 1.
Shinyo Maru, N.Y.K., May 1.
Pres. Jackson, A.M.L., May 7.
Siberia Maru, N.Y.K., May 15.

ILOILO.

Pennsylvania, States S.S., Apr. 19.
Golden Hind, States S.S., Apr. 27.
Wisconsin, States S.S., May 3.

JAPAN PORTS.

Arafura, E. & A., Apr. 18.
City of Glasgow, Bank, Apr. 18.
Wakasa Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 18.
Tokushima Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 19.
Dakar Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 19.
Namsang, Jardine's, Apr. 19.
Rakuyo Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 19.
Kaga Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 19.
Vogtland, J.C.J.L., Apr. 20.
Tatibius, B.F., Apr. 20.
Delhi, Gilman's, Apr. 22.
Toyama Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 22.
D'Artagnan, M.M., Apr. 23.
Pres. Madison, Dollar, Apr. 23.
Peleus, B.F., Apr. 24.
Romolo, Dodwell's, Apr. 25.
Hosang, Jardine's, Apr. 26.
Morea, P. & O., Apr. 26.
Pembroke, Jardine's, Apr. 27.
Talamba, B.I., Apr. 28.
Rosandra, D'well's, Apr. 28.
Perseus, Jardine's, Apr. 29.
Duisburg, J.C.J.L., Apr. 29.
Pres. Pierce, Dollar, Apr. 29.
Emp. of Russia, C.P.S., May 1.
Shinyo Maru, N.Y.K., May 1.
Malaya, Manners, May 2.
Kutsang, Jardine's, May 5.
Mishima Maru, N.Y.K., May 6.
Perim, P. & O., May 6.
Tanda, E. & A., May 7.
Pres. Jackson, A.M.L., May 7.
Fulda, Melchers, May 7.
Sphinx, M.M., May 7.
Delta, P. & O., May 10.
Lycan, B.F., May 10.
Glenahiel, Jardine's, May 11.
Emp. of Asia, C.P.S., May 15.
Siberia Maru, N.Y.K., May 15.
Sauerland, J.C.J.L., May 15.
Canton, Gilman's, May 17.
Main, Melchers, May 17.

JAVA PORTS.

Tjikarang, J.C.J.L., Apr. 24.
Tjikaroen, J.C.J.L., Apr. 26.
Tjisara, J.C.J.L., May 4.
Tjileboet, J.C.J.L., May 8.
Tjisondari, J.C.J.L., May 15.

LIVERPOOL.

Lima Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 23.
Euryades, B.F., Apr. 20.

LONDON.

Karmala, P. & O., Apr. 20.
Kitano Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 20.
Mantua, P. & O., Apr. 27.
Menelaus, B.F., Apr. 30.
Glenahiel, Jardine's, May 1.
Nagore, P. & O., May 4.
Haruna Maru, N.Y.K., May 4.
City of Delhi, Bank, May 8.
Kalyan, P. & O., May 11.
Hector, B.F., May 15.

LOS ANGELES.

Rakuyo Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 19.
Pres. Madison, Dollar, Apr. 23.
Golden Mountain, S.S.S., Apr. 27.
Shinyo Maru, N.Y.K., May 1.
Pres. Jackson, A.M.L., May 7.

MANILA.

Emp. of Russia, C.P.S., Apr. 19.
Pennsylvania, States S.S., Apr. 19.
Pres. Wilson, Dollar, Apr. 21.
Burgenland, J.C.J.L., Apr. 23.
Pres. Pierce, Dollar, Apr. 23.
Aki Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 24.
Tjitaroen, J.C.J.L., Apr. 26.
Pres. Jackson, A.M.L., Apr. 27.
Wisconsin, States S.S., May 3.
Coblenz, Melchers, May 4.
Ruh, J.C.J.L., May 4.
Pres. Van Buren, Dollar, May 5.
Emp. of Asia, C.P.S., May 7.
Arafura, E. & A., May 8.
Rhexenor, B.F., May 8.
Tjileboet, J.C.J.L., May 8.
Pres. McKinley, A.M.L., May 11.
Taiping, B. & S., May 14.
Tjisondari, J.C.J.L., May 15.

MARSEILLES.

Burgenland, J.C.J.L., Apr. 23.
Karmala, P. & O., Apr. 23.
Kitano Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 23.
Chile, Manners, Apr. 21.
Pres. Wilson, Dollar, Apr. 21.
Lima Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 23.
Chenonceaux, M.M., Apr. 23.
Mantua, P. & O., Apr. 27.
Dessau, Melchers, Apr. 23.
Menelaus, B.F., Apr. 30.
Nagore, P. & O., May 4.
Haruna Maru, N.Y.K., May 4.
Pres. Van Buren, Dollar, May 5.
Athos II, M.M., May 7.
Kalyan, P. & O., May 11.
Afrika, Manners, May 14.
Hector, B.F., May 15.

NAPLES.

Kitano Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 20.
Pres. Wilson, Dollar, Apr. 21.
Haruna Maru, N.Y.K., May 4.
Pres. Van Buren, Dollar, May 5.

NEW YORK, BOSTON, etc.

Pres. Wilson, Dollar, Apr. 21.
Lisbon Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 23.
Pres. Van Buren, Dollar, May 5.
Rhexenor, B.F., May 8.
Royal Prince, Furness, May 10.
Oakland, Bank, May 10.
City of Lille, Bank, May 18.

NORTH CHINA.

Franken, Melchers, Apr. 19.
Yingchow, B. & S., Apr. 21.
Tjikini, J.C.J.L., Apr. 21.
Huichow, B. & S., Apr. 27.
Luchow, B. & S., Apr. 27.
Malaya, Manners, May 2.
Tjitaroen, J.C.J.L., May 4.
Fulda, Melchers, May 7.

ORAN.

Dessau, Melchers, Apr. 23.

OSLO.

Nanking, Gilman's, May 15.

PANAMA.

Toba Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 19.
Rakuyo Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 19.
Lisbon Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 23.

PENANG.

Santha, B.I., Apr. 18.
Rangoon Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 19.
Karmala, P. & O., Apr. 20.
Kitano Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 20.
Talamba, B.I., Apr. 24.
Alipore, P. & O., Apr. 24.
Van Heutz, J.C.J.L., Apr. 25.
Tilawa, B.I., Apr. 26.
Bengal Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 27.
Mantua, P. & O., Apr. 27.
Tokushima Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 27.
Hakodate Maru, N.Y.K., May 1.
Nagore, P. & O., May 4.
Haruna Maru, N.Y.K., May 4.
Pres. Van Buren, Dollar, May 5.
Takiwa, B.I., May 8.
Kidderpore, P. & O., May 8.
Takada, B.I., May 8.
Kumsang, Jardine's, May 10.
Kalyan, P. & O., May 11.
Afrika, Manners, May 14.
Hector, B.F., May 15.

PLYMOUTH.

Mantua, P. & O., Apr. 27.

PORTLAND.

New York, States S.S., Apr. 20.
Texas, States S.S., May 4.

RANGOON.

Rangoon Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 19.
Tokushima Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 23.

SAIGON.

Chenonceaux, M.M., Apr. 23.
Glenbank, Bank, Apr. 23.
Golden Hind, States S.S., Apr. 27.
Wisconsin, States S.S., May 3.
Athos II, M.M., May 7.

SANDAKAN.

Mausang, Jardine's, May 2.
Arafura, E. & A., May 8.
Hinsang, Jardine's, May 10.

SAN FRANCISCO.

Rakuyo Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 19.
New York, States S.S., Apr. 20.
Pres. Madison, Dollar, Apr. 23.
Golden Mountain, S.S.S., Apr. 27.
Shinyo Maru, N.Y.K., May 1.
Texas, States S.S., May 4.
Pres. Jackson, A.M.L., May 7.
Siberia Maru, N.Y.K., May 15.

SCANDINAVIAN PORTS.

Chile, Manners, Apr. 21.
Sumatra, Gilman's, Apr. 21.
Afrika, Manners, May 14.
Nanking, Gilman's, May 15.

SEATTLE.

Tatibius, B.F., Apr. 20.
Toyama Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 22.
Pres. Pierce, Dollar, Apr. 23.
Mishima Maru, N.Y.K., May 6.
Ixion, B.F., May 11.
Pres. Taft, Dollar, May 14.

SHANGHAI.

City of Glasgow, Bank, Apr. 18.
Nirghai, B. & S., Apr. 19.
Wakasa Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 18.
Dakar Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 19.
Franken, Melchers, Apr. 19.
Glenahiel, Jardine's, Apr. 19.
Kaga Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 19.
Tatibius, B.F., Apr. 20.
Vogtland, J.C.J.L., Apr. 20.
Kwangang, Jardine's, Apr. 21.
Sinkiang, B. & S., Apr. 21.
Yingchow, B. & S., Apr. 21.
Kingyan, B. & S., Apr. 21.
Delhi, Gilman's, Apr. 22.
Toyama Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 22.
Tjisara, J.C.J.L., Apr. 22.
Soochow, B. & S., Apr. 23.

SHANGHAI—(Continued).

D'Artagnan, M.M., Apr. 23.
Pres. Madison, Dollar, Apr. 23.
Peleus, B.F., Apr. 24.
Kwansang, Jardine's, Apr. 24.
Talamba, P. & O., Apr. 24.
Romolo, Dodwell's, Apr. 25.
Linn, B. & S., Apr. 25.
Pembroke, Jardine's, Apr. 27.
Suiyang, B. & S., Apr. 23.
Hopsang, Jardine's, Apr. 23.
Luchow, B. & S., Apr. 23.
Rosandra, D'well's, Apr. 28.
Perseus, Jardine's, Apr. 29.
Duisburg, J.C.J.L., Apr. 29.
Pres. Pierce, Dollar, Apr. 30.
Shantung, B. & S., Apr. 30.
Emp. of Russia, C.P.S., May 1.
Shinyo Maru, N.Y.K., May 1.
Yatsing, Jardine's, May 1.
Malaya, Manners, May 2.
Nirghai, B. & S., May 2.
Tjisondari, J.C.J.L., May 3.
Aeneas, B.F., May 6.
Mishima Maru, N.Y.K., May 6.
Perim, P. & O., May 6.
Pres. Jackson, A.M.L., May 7.
Fulda, Melchers, May 7.
Sphinx, M.M., May 7.
Duisburg, J.C.J.L., May 8.
Delta, P. & O., May 10.
Lycan, B.F., May 10.
Glenahiel, Jardine's, May 11.
Tjikembang, J.C.J.L., May 13.
Pres. Taft, Dollar, May 13.
Emp. of Asia, C.P.S., May 13.
Siberia Maru, N.Y.K., May 15.
Sauerland, J.C.J.L., May 15.
Main, Melchers, May 17.
Canton, Gilman's, May 17.

SINGAPORE.

Santha, B.I., Apr. 18.
Rangoon Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 19.
Chile, Manners, Apr. 21.
Karmala, P. & O., Apr. 20.
Euryades, B.F., Apr. 20.
Kitano Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 20.
Pres. Wilson, Dollar, Apr. 21.
Kingyan, B. & S., Apr. 21.
Burgenland, J.C.J.L., Apr. 23.
Chenonceaux, M.M., Apr. 23.
Alipore, P. & O., Apr. 24.
Talamba, B.I., Apr. 24.
Kwangang, B. & S., Apr. 25.
Van Heutz, J.C.J.L., Apr. 25.
Tilawa, B.I., Apr. 26.
Bengal Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 27.
Mantua, P. & O., Apr. 27.
Dessau, Melchers, Apr. 23.
Anhui, B. & S., Apr. 23.
Tokushima Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 23.
Menelaus, B.F., Apr. 23.
Hakodate Maru, N.Y.K., May 1.
Glenahiel, Jardine's, May 1.
Haruna Maru, N.Y.K., May 4.
Ruh, J.C.J.L., May 4.
Coblenz, Melchers, May 4.
Nagore, P. & O., May 4.
Pres. Van Buren, Dollar, May 5.
Takiwa, B.I., May 8.
Kidderpore, P. & O., May 8.
Takada, B.I., May 8.
Kumsang, Jardine's, May 10.
Kalyan, P. & O., May 11.
Afrika, Manners, May 14.
Hector, B.F., May 15.

SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.

Tinhow, Bank, Apr. 18.
Hakata Maru, N.Y.K., May 8.

SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

Rakuyo Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 19.
Hakata Maru, N.Y.K., May 8.

SWATOW.

Ninghai, B. & S., Apr. 18.
Haiyang, Douglas, Apr. 19.
Kingyan, B. & S., Apr. 21.
Kwangchow, B. & S., Apr. 21.
Kwangang, Jardine's, Apr. 21.
Sinkiang, B. & S., Apr. 21.
Haiching, Douglas, Apr. 23.
Kwansang, Jardine's, Apr. 24.
Linn, B. & S., Apr. 25.
Anhui, B. & S., Apr. 25.
Kalgan, B. & S., Apr. 25.
Suiyang, B. & S., Apr. 25.
Hopsang, Jardine's, Apr. 23.
Yatsing, Jardine's, May 1.
Nirghai, B. & S., May 2.

TAKAO.

Vogtland, J.C.J.L., Apr. 20.
Duisburg, J.C.J.L., Apr. 23.

TIENTSIN.

Franken, Melchers, Apr. 19.
Cheongshing, Jardine's, Apr. 23.
Cantonbank, Bank, Apr. 27.
Huichow, B. & S., Apr. 27.
Fulda, Melchers, May 7.
Main, Melchers, May 17.

TRIESTE AND VENICE.

Duchessa d'Aosta, D'well's, May 1.
Esquiline, D'well's, May 3.

TSINGTAO.

Chakang, Jardine's, Apr. 17.
Vogtland, J.C.J.L., Apr. 20.
Franken, Melchers, Apr. 19.
Kwangang, Jardine's, Apr. 21.
Sinkiang, B. & S., Apr. 21.
Soochow, B. & S., Apr. 21.
Kwansang, Jardine's, Apr. 24.
Duisburg, J.C.J.L., Apr. 24.
Anhui, B. & S., Apr. 25.
Suiyang, B. & S., Apr. 25.
Shantung, B. & S., Apr. 25.
Yatsing, Jardine's, May 1.
Main, Melchers, May 17.

VANCOUVER, B.C.

Tatibius, B.F., Apr. 20.
Emp. of Russia, C.P.S., May 1.
Ixion, B.F., May 11.
Emp. of Asia, C.P.S., May 15.

VICTORIA, B.C.

Tatibius, B.F., Apr. 20.
Toyama Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 22.
Pres. Pierce, Dollar, Apr. 23.
Emp. of Russia, C.P.S., May 1.
Mishima Maru, N.Y.K., May 6.
Ixion, B.F., May 11.
Pres. Taft, Dollar, May 14.
Emp. of Asia, C.P.S., May 15.

VLADIVOSTOK.

Delhi, Gilman's, Apr. 22.
Pembroke, Jardine's, Apr. 27.
Malaya, Manners, May 2.
Glenahiel, Jardine's, May 11.
Canton, Gilman's, May 17.

EXPECTED ARRIVALS AND MOVEMENTS.

Aeneas due from Europe May 6.

Afrika due from Shanghai May 14.

Aki Maru due from Japan Apr. 23.

Alipore due from Shanghai Apr. 24.

Amur Maru due from Japan May 11.

Andes Maru due from Hamburg Apr. 11.

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SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"KWANGCHOW"	On 21st Apr.	Noon
FOOCHOW, SHANGHAI, SHANGHAI, NEWCHANG & DALNY	"YINGCHOW"	On 21st Apr.	3 p.m.
HONGKONG, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"TEAN"	On 23rd Apr.	11 a.m.
AMOI, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SOOCHOW"	On 23rd Apr.	5 p.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"LINAN"	On 25th Apr.	8 a.m.
HONGKONG, SHANGHAI & BANGKOK	"KWANGTUNG"	On 25th Apr.	10 a.m.
HONGKONG, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"HUPEH"	On 25th Apr.	11 a.m.
WETSAI, CHONG & TIENTSIN	"HUICHOW"	On 27th Apr.	8 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SUIYANG"	On 29th Apr.	8 a.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"ANHUI"	On 29th Apr.	8 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KALANG"	On 29th Apr.	Noon
SHAL, NEWCHANG & DALNY	"LUCHOW"	On 29th Apr.	3 p.m.
HONGKONG & BANGKOK	"CHINHUA"	On 30th Apr.	10 a.m.
AMOI, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SHANTUNG"	On 30th Apr.	3 p.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"NINGHAI"	On 2nd May	9 a.m.

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ANGERS ... 18th June	G. METZINGER ... 18th June
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	Hourly Rain	Barometer at Sea Level	Temperature	Humidity	Wind	Direction	Force	Wave	State of Sky	Clouds	Hourly Rain	Barometer at Sea Level	Temperature	Humidity	Wind	Direction	Force	Wave	State of Sky	Clouds
Wladivostok	12	29.78	75.3	54	SE	2	0	6	29.90	75.3	39	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nemuro	11	29.72	75.0	...	WNW	1	...	5	29.69	75.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hokodate	...	29.80	75.7	...	SSW	1	...	...	29.80	75.7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tokio	...	29.86	75.3	...	SE	1	...	...	29.76	75.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kochi	...	30.02	76.3	...	SE	1	...	...	29.96	76.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nagasaki	...	30.10	76.4	...	SE	1	...	...	30.02	76.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kagoshima	...	30.12	76.5	...	NNE	1	...	...	30.04	76.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Oshima	...	30.14	76.5	...	S	2	...	...	30.00	76.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Naha	...	30.08	76.4	...	S	1	...	...	29.94	76.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ishigakijima	...	30.14	76.5	...	ENE	1	...	...	30.08	76.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bonin Island	...	29.84	75.9	66	SE	4	0	6	30.01	76.3	56	51	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chefoo	15	29.84	75.7	43	SSW	2	b	...	29.84	75.7	59	73	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Shanghai	14	29.81	75.7	65	SSE	6	b	...	29.83	75.9	60	71	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gutai	...	29.83	75.9	72	E	1	b	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sharp Peak	...	29.82	75.7	78	E	4	b	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Amoy	...	29.82	75.7	75	ENE	2	b	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Swatow	...	29.82	75.9	79	WNW	2	b	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Taihou	11	30.04	76.3	79	NW	2	b	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Taihu	...	30.07	76.2	86	N	2	b	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tainan	...	30.02	76.6	79	ENE	4	b	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Koshun	...	30.04	76.9	77	NNW	2	b	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pescadore	...	30.04	76.5	76	ENE	3	b	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hong Kong	14	29.84	76.0	...	ENE	4	b	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gap Rock	...	29.95	76.7	...	ENE	4	b	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Macao	...	29.97	76.1	82	SE	2	b	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hoihow	...	29.93	76.2	83	ENE	2	b	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pratas Island	...	29.89	75.9	81	SSE	4	b	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Phu Lien	15	29.89	75.9	79	SE	2	b	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tourne	...	29.86	75.8	82	NE	4	b	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cape St. James	...	29.86	75.8	81	NE	4	b	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Basco	14	29.92	75.9	84	ESE	4	b	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Aparr	...	29.87	75.8	80	NE	4	b	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tuguegarao	...	29.87	75.8	86	NE	4	b	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Vigan	...	29.84	75.7	86	WNW	4	b	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Manila	...	29.85	75.8	86	ENE	2	b	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Legaspi	...	29.82	75.7	86	NE	2	b	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Calbayog	...	29.82	75.7	81	NNE	2	b	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tacloban	...	29.82	75.7	82	W	1	b	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Iloilo	...	29.81	75.7	86	NE	6	b	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cebu	...	29.80	75.6	81	NNE	2	b	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Surigao	...	29.80	75.6	81	NNE	2	b	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Saipan	...	29.80	75.6	81	NE	4	b	4.22	29.80	75.6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Guam	12.22	29.80	75.6	...	NE	4	b	...	29.78	75.6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Yap	...	11.00	29.80	75.6	...	C	r	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Felew	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ponape	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Labuan	14	29.81	75.7	86	SW	2	b	6	29.84	75.7	80	91	SW	2	b	...	...	...	...	...

April 17d. 11h. 10m.—The anticyclone is central near the Bonins; another to have developed to the north-west of Shantung.

Hong Kong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1, 2.27 inches, against an average of 8.79 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON ON THE 18th.

District.

- 1.—Formosa Channel
- 2.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Lamock
- 3.—Hong Kong to Gap Rock
- 4.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Hainan

Light, variable winds, freshening from N.E. fine to cloudy.

C. W. JEFFRIES, Director.

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, April 17.

	Previous Day at 4 p.m.	On Date at 10 a.m.	On Date at 4 p.m.
Barometer	29.90	29.91	29.79
Temperature	74	77	79
Humidity	72	73	68
Wind	E	E	S
Direction	4	1	2
Force	B	O	C
Weather	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rain	...	...	...

Highest open-air Temperature, 16.7°

Lowest open-air Temperature, 17.7°

B=Blue sky; C=Cloudy; D=Drizzle; F=Fog; L=Lightning; M=Mist; O=Overcast; P=Passing showers; Q=Squalls; R=Rain; T=Thunder.

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HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From April 18 to 24, 1929.

Days of Week	Date	High Water			Low Water		
		Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height
Thurs	18	No info.	...	No info.	...	No info.	...
Fri	19	5 55	4.7	0 49	1.1	1 11	1.1
Sat	20	6 13	4.9	1 30	1.2	2 04	1.2
Sun	21	6 24	4.4	1 34	1.3	2 16	1.3
Mon	22	6 32	4.3	1 47	1.3	2 28	1.3
Tues	23	6 42	4.3	2 00	1.3	2 40	1.3
Wed	24	6 51	4.3	2 13	1.3	2 52	1.3
		10 46	5.4	4 34	1.4		

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Leave	May 1	May 4	May 7	May 9	May 18
Arrive	May 15	May 18	May 21	May 23	June 1
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	May 1	May 4	May 7	May 9	May 18
EMPRESS OF ASIA	May 15	May 18	May 21	May 23	June 1
EMPRESS OF FRANCE	June 3	June 6	June 9	June 11	June 22
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	June 10	June 13	June 16	June 18	June 27
EMPRESS OF ASIA	June 24	June 27	June 30	July 2	July 13
EMPRESS OF FRANCE	July 8	July 11	July 14	July 16	July 27
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	July 15	July 18	July 21	July 23	Aug. 1
EMPRESS OF ASIA	July 29	Aug. 1	Aug. 4	Aug. 6	Aug. 17
EMPRESS OF FRANCE	Aug. 12	Aug. 15	Aug. 18	Aug. 20	Aug. 31
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Aug. 19	Aug. 22	Aug. 25	Aug. 27	Sept. 7
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Sept. 2	Sept. 5	Sept. 8	Sept. 10	Sept. 21
EMPRESS OF FRANCE	Sept. 9	Sept. 12	Sept. 15	Sept. 17	Oct. 1
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Sept. 16	Sept. 19	Sept. 22	Sept. 24	Oct. 5
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Oct. 30	Nov. 2	Nov. 5	Nov. 7	Nov. 18
EMPRESS OF FRANCE	Nov. 6	Nov. 9	Nov. 12	Nov. 14	Nov. 25
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Nov. 13	Nov. 16	Nov. 19	Nov. 21	Dec. 2
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Nov. 27	Dec. 1	Dec. 4	Dec. 6	Dec. 17

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YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

IMPORTS 11,400 TONS;
THROUGH CARGO
8,500 TONS.

During the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday the general returns shown at the Harbour Office of cargoes carried by vessels arriving in Hong Kong were as follows:—

	Through	Port
British	1,634	—
Minneapolis	—	5,030
City of Glasgow	540	—
Dunkirk	—	5,030
King Yuan	2,000	—
Hydrangea	—	2,649
Swatow	107	—
French	—	420
Taipei	—	420
Port Bayard	—	—
Dutch	—	—
Tijpanas	9,338	40
Van Heutz	648	161
Singapore	—	2,996
Norwegian	—	201
Hubro	—	—
Canton	—	5
Japanese	—	—
Sungshan Maru	3	13
Times Maru	—	—
Hongay	3,250	—
Chinese	—	3,233
Shun Chih	—	—
Saigon	2,000	—
Chung King	—	—
Tourane	100	—
Lee Chung	—	—
Shanghai	12	—
Shiu Hing	—	—
Macao	25	—
Total	11,455	8,583

Arrivals and Departures.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were as follows:—

	Arr.	Dep.
British	5	10
French	1	0
Dutch	2	0
Norwegian	3	2
Japanese	3	2
Portuguese	1	0
Chinese	5	2
American	0	1
Total	19	18

PASSENGERS.

Departures.

The following passengers left here yesterday by the s.s. Korea Maru for San Francisco via ports:—Mr. and Mrs. Edwin L. Kilbourne, Mr. Hu Chi Hien, Mr. S. Barker, Dr. and Mrs. A. Benson, Mr. W. Tom, Mr. and Mrs. Leung Ju Hung, Mr. and Mrs. Leung Mow Peng, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Cheng, Miss E. D. Ross, Miss L. I. Maxey, Mr. Dih Tai Hing, Mr. Lam Ting Kum, Mr. Hsu Fun Shan, Mr. C. Z. Yang, Mr. and Mrs. K. Sumi, Mr. K. Fujiya, Mrs. Y. Ogawa, Master H. Ogawa, Mrs. K. Yamaji, Mr. G. Matsumoto, Mr. Lim Bun Shu, Mrs. Lim Bun Shu, Miss Cora H. Pettipohn, Miss C. H. Buck, Mr. and Mrs. William Kallier, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Peake, Rev. M. W. Rankin.

(Continued on next column).

DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

SHE DID NOT KNOW!

A Chinese boatwoman was charged before Comdr. Hole at the Marine Court yesterday for unlawful dredging in the Naval Anchorage. A police witness said that he saw defendant at 7.30 a.m. yesterday morning with a line trailing from the stern of her boat which was in the Naval Anchorage. When the police launch got up to her he saw her draw up the line, at the end of which was a pole with grapples attached. He asked defendant what she was doing and she answered that "she did not know."

Defendant pleaded not guilty and said she was on her way to Yau-mai after recovering an anchor which she had dropped. She used the grapples for that purpose. The magistrate imposed a fine of \$10 or 10 days.

Passenger Traffic.

During week ending April 13, 1929.

River steamers 25,772 21,732

Dangerous Goods.

The Tijpanas from Soerabaya and Swatow had on board 8 drums of attack.

Deaths at Sea.

Two deaths (both bodies buried at sea) were reported by the master of the Van Heutz on the vessel's arrival from Belawan Deli and Singapore on 16th inst. One birth at sea was also reported by the Van Heutz.

ASIATIC DECK PASSENGERS.

The following vessels brought Asiatic deck passengers to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday:—

King Yuan (Br.) Singapore	37
Hydrangea (Br.) Swatow	390
Taipei (Fr.) Fort Bayard	385
Van Heutz (Dut.) Bel Deli	1,583
Sungshan Maru (Jap.) S'hai	128
Canton	128
Shun Chih (Ch.) Saigon	349
Lee Chung (Ch.) Shanghai	147
Tak Hing (Ch.) Autow	60
Total	3,090

Mr. Juan de Rodriguez, Mrs. J. F. Yeard, Mrs. T. J. Fitzgerald, Mr. H. L. Dewhurst, Mr. J. A. Dewhurst, Mr. P. F. Gressin, Mr. G. G. Gressin, Mr. F. L. Evans, Miss S. Jones, Mrs. J. A. Paul, Mr. and Mrs. Ta Kwong Wu, Miss Wu King Ping, Mr. and Mrs. Ho Yung Chiu, Mr. Kee Lim, Miss Wu King Chiu, Mr. Jorge C. Cinco, Mrs. Maria de Cinco, Mr. Leung Li Man, Mr. Ng Yuen Dun, Mr. Fok Kit Sing, Mr. Ng Hin.

The following passengers arrived here yesterday by the s.s. Arafura from Australia ports:—Mr. and Mrs. J. Cohn, Mrs. D. H. Henty, Miss U. M. Bullmore, Mr. S. J. Harvey, Miss F. M. Knight, Mr. W. S. Hawthorne, Mrs. E. J. Murray, Mr. O. E. McDonald, Mr. F. Y. Yamauchi, Mr. G. Grant, Mr. Fong Peck Tin, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Barnby, Mr. T. O. Morgan, Mr. Woo Kiam Poh.

ARRIVALS.

April 16.

Deli Maru, Japanese str., 2,173 tons, Capt. R. Yamamoto, from Canton, O.S.K. Pier—O.S.K.
Mirapora, British str., 4,134 tons, Capt. C. C. Dickenson, from Shanghai, buoy No. A2—M.M. & Co.
Sungshan Maru, Japanese str., 1,503 tons, Capt. G. Kawamura, from Canton, buoy No. C46—N.Y.K.
Tao Poo Sok, French str., 1,919 tons, Capt. Maternati Paul, from Fort Bayard, C.M.S.N. Wharf—Sun Cheong & Co.

April 17.

Arafura, British str., 5,587 tons, Capt. A. S. Gordon, from Sydney, New South Wales—McKinnon, MacKenzie & Co.
Changchow, British str., 1,203 tons, Capt. W. L. Shenn, from Amoy, buoy No. C14—B. & S.
City of Khartoum, British str., 3,941 tons, Capt. Jackson, from Shanghai, buoy No. A26—Bank Line.
Glauca, British str., 4,792 tons, Capt. A. T. Shaw, from Glasgow and Liverpool, Holt's Wharf—B. & S.
Hai Yang, British str., 1,363 tons, Capt. W. Erwin, from Swatow, Douglas Wharf—D. Lapraik & Co.
Hain Maru, Japanese str., 2,344 tons, Capt. H. Oyama, from Swatow, O.S.K. Wharf—O.S.K.
Hsin Poo Sing, Chinese str., 968 tons, Capt. R. Siman, from Canton, buoy No. C35—Ching Kee.
Hubro, Norwegian str., 1,098 tons, Capt. H. Haazensen, from Canton, Yau-mai—K. Larsen & Co.
Hydra, Norwegian str., 923 tons, Capt. L. Reed, from Bangkok, buoy No. C46—Chin Seng Hong.
Hydrangea, British str., 561 tons, Capt. Wm. Brewer, from Swatow, Chiu On Wharf—Chiu On S.S. Co.
Kwai Sang, British str., 1,435 tons, Capt. C. Alexandre, from Swatow, West Point Wharf—J.M. & Co.
Luspan Maru, 1,507 tons, Capt. K. Nagayama, from Swatow, buoy No. C18—N.Y.K.
Shun Chik, Chinese str., 1,237 tons, Capt. H. A. Johnson, from Saigon, buoy No. C48—Chang Tong Ha.
Sinkiang, British str., 1,616 tons, Capt. C. Stringer, from Swatow, buoy No. B12—B. & S.
Taka Maru, Japanese str., 2,342 tons, Capt. B. Takeo, from Sakito, buoy No. B50—Y.K.K.
Team, British str., 1,231 tons, Capt. C. H. Walker, from Bangkok, buoy No. B34—B. & S.
Thranang, Chinese str., 1,039 tons, Capt. J. Bruhn, from Swatow, Yau-mai Wharf—Chau Xue Teng.
Wong Shik King, Chinese str., 2,044 tons, Capt. Herring, from Saigon, buoy No. C47—Kung Chang.

CLEARANCES.

April 17.

Arafura, for Moji.
Changchow, for Saigon.
City of Khartoum, for Singapore.
Deli Maru, for Swatow.
Kwai Sang, for Canton.
Lushan Maru, for Canton.
Mirapora, for Singapore.
Ninghai, for Swatow.
Sinkiang, for Canton.
Sungshan Maru, for Swatow.
Tai Poo Sok, for K. C. Wan.
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"MANTUA"	10,946	27th Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"NAGPORE"	5,233	4th May	Mars. L'don, Hull, Awerp, R'm.
"KIDDERPORE"	5,334	8th May	Suez, Colombo, [S. H'g.]
"KALYAN"	9,144	11th May	Marseilles, London and Hull.
"MOREA"	10,943	25th May	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"LAHORE"	5,252	1st June	Mars. L'don, Awerp, R'm, H'g.
"DELTA"	8,037	8th June	Marseilles, London and Hull.
"REYPORE"	5,315	15th June	Bombay, Marseilles and L'don.
"RAJPUTANA"	10,948	22nd June	Marseilles and London.
"PERIM"	7,948	29th June	Marseilles, London and Hull.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	6th July	Marseilles, London and Hull.
"BANGPURA"	16,801	20th July	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KASEMIR"	8,885	27th Aug.	Marseilles, London and Hull.
"MALWA"	10,980	17th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KARMAIA"	9,128	31st Aug.	Marseilles, London and Hull.
"MOREA"	10,953	14th Sept.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"MANTUA"	10,948	21st Sept.	Marseilles and London.
"KHYBER"	9,114	28th Oct.	Marseilles and London.
"MACEDONIA"	11,150	9th Nov.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	23rd Nov.	Marseilles and London.
"RAWALPINDI"	16,819	7th Dec.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
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"TILAWA"	10,006	25th Apr.	do.
"TAKLIWA"	7,938	5th May	do.
"TAKADA"	6,948	8th May	do.
"TALAMBA"	8,018	21st May	do.
"TALMA"	10,000	28th May	do.
"TILAWA"	10,006	27th June	do.
"SANTHA"	7,754	4th July	do.
"TAKLIWA"	7,938	10th July	do.

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"TANDA"	6,956	31st May	do.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	5th July	do.
"ANAFURA"	6,000	12th Aug.	do.
"TANDA"	6,956	30th Aug.	do.

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"PERIM"	7,581	5th May	Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Yoko. & Osaka
"TALMA"	10,000	7th May	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
"TANIO"	8,866	10th May	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"DELTA"	—	14th May	Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
• "ROSSINGTON COURT"	—	22nd May	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
	—	22nd May	Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"RAJPUTANA"	16,868	24th May	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	4th June	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
"TILAWA"	10,006	4th June	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
"KASHGAR"	9,006	7th June	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"SANTHA"	7,754	9th June	Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Yoko. & Osaka
• "ROSSINGTON COURT"	—	10th June	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"TAKLIWA"	7,938	19th June	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"ANAFURA"	16,801	21st June	S'hai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KASHMIR"	8,985	1st July	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"ABAFURA"	6,000	9th July	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
"MALWA"	10,980	19th July	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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"KASHGAR"	9,006	23rd Oct.	do.
"BAWALPINDI"	18,619	9th Nov.	S'hai, Kobe & Yokohama.
	—	31st Nov.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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